

AY, AUGUST 8, 1995
COLUMN
ce, girlfriend
ruise — and
her's there

ON (AP) — The
d is cruising the
s of Scotland with
nd, and his wife
board — increas-
ing that Queen
It's youngest son,
nary, Sophie, 29,
a public relation
ant, slipped abor-
agnificent 412-kil-
etre) royal yacht
at the south Eng-
Portsmouth Har-
een, Prince Ed-
the rest of the re-
1 afterward. A B-
Palace spokeswo-
nday the 10-day
private holiday
to comment on
fence of Miss R-
n the queen's re-
rpreted by news-
a signal of an
d of the match.
acht, up for sale,
an economy mea-
d for the home-
e Edward's bro-
Charles and Prin-
Both marriages
— Prince Charles
Diana separated
just months after
Andrew and the
of York, and the
Ferguson, para-
Edward's only sis-
Anne, was divor-
ed remarried. Prin-
y, who has a thea-
y, has dated Me-
nes for several years
last year. Brit-
plaints council
e tabloid newspa-
publishing sneak pho-
of them kissing
ie, the queen's se-
te.

y star denies
urs over
a friendship

IN (R) — The
England's nation-
team has attacked
er speculation ab-
dship with Prin-
nd said he was
s lawyers over
y take. Rugby
ing, accompanied
Julia, told re-
"It is no secret
ince Diana. I
ance has not in-
acted the prior-
ays given to Ju-
lgy. I will be tak-
om my lawyers."
prepared states-
The story which
the latest mod-
litz, in Sunday
The World news-
d that Carling
led the press-
a social telephone
at his office to
n her. The
claims by a for-
er of Carling at
ent consultant
rugby player
meetings with
Prin-
at Kensington
d the two had
icknames for
e two were also
xchanged joky
 Buckingham
ssed the report
n, saying that
Princess Diana
ationally and
members of the
th club. "To
out of that is
n, a Bucking-
okeswoman said.

t: 9 out of
ts sleepy
g flights

OLM (AP) — Nor-
Scandinavian AP
tem (SAS) pilot
across contin-
much trouble stay-
ing flights, ac-
cording to a
udy reported
m of researchers
s Karolinska hos-
g sleeping
g SAS pilots
between 1992
newspaper
The result
said in a hand-
aff about how
ag. Details about
people were
the study were
available
a security
redness build-
have to read-
ing rhythm
Svenska Dag-
Akerstedt
report said
pilots complained
connectivity was

Rahal urges Israeli pullout from Lebanon

BAALBEK (AP) — A U.S. congressman said Tuesday an Israeli withdrawal from a flashpoint border enclave in South Lebanon will boost peace hopes in the Middle East. "It's obvious there has to be a withdrawal of Israeli troops in the south and a securing of the Lebanese border by the Lebanese. Once that occurs, I have the utmost confidence peace will be at hand," U.S. Representative Nick Rahal told reporters in this ancient city in eastern Lebanon. He spoke after touring Roman ruins in the famous Baalbek castle in the Bekaa Valley. Despite major obstacles in peace negotiations between Syria and Israel, Mr. Rahal struck an upbeat note about a comprehensive Middle East peace. "I'm confident there will be a peace agreement. We want to see the sovereignty of Lebanon maintained in this process. We want to see a comprehensive peace in the entire region," he said. "But I'm sure there will be ups and downs and frustrations before that day is reached," he added.

Jordan Times

An independent Arab political daily published by the Jordan Press Foundation
جوردان تايمز يومية سياسية مستقلة عن المؤسسة الصحفية الأردنية. الراي.

Volume 19 Number 5989

AMMAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1995, RABI' AWAL 11, 1416

Price: Jordan 150 Fils



Information Minister Khaled Al Karaki on Tuesday addresses a major gathering at the Royal Cultural Centre attended by His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah, Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem and other senior officials to mark the anniversary of the Prophet Mohammad's birthday (Petra photo)

Grand ceremony marks the Prophet's birthday

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday attended the Kingdom's major ceremony marking the Prophet Mohammad's birthday at the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC). Deputy Prime Minister and Information Minister Khaled Al Karaki delivered an address in which he paid tribute to the historical role of the Hashemite family since the time of the Prophet. Dr. Karaki said Jordanians were inspired by the Prophet and the message of Islam, describing it "as light coming out of the sky to end the ages of darkness."

He said on this anniversary Jordanians were pinning great hopes on the leadership of King Hussein. "At this eternal anniversary, we look to Your Majesty, who defends the unity of the nation and its right to life and freedom, to give us determination to continue our march," Dr. Karaki said.

Jordanian Ambassador to Tunisia and renowned poet Haider Mahmoud also spoke at the ceremony, delivering a poem in which he dwelt on the Hashemite's role in defending holy places.

Senator Kamel Al Sharif also delivered an address and said Muslims in various parts of the world on this anniversary remember the Prophet, review their achievements and plan their future.

Mr. Sharif said the Prophet's message brought with it development to the Arab Nations and united it.

The senator said Islam and Arabism were one entity, describing those who try to separate the two as "people trying to separate the head from the body."

In another address, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul



Members of a refugee family from Krajina after the Croatian army recaptured the town ride on the back of a lorry fleeing the town from rebel Serbs (AFP photo)

Largest refugee exodus under way in Croatia

ZAGREB (Agencies) — Shells slammed down on columns of Serb refugees Tuesday, the United Nations said, as more than 100,000 people fled a stunning defeat by the Croatian army.

It was not immediately clear how many refugees may have been killed. U.N. officials also said they received unconfirmed reports of "indiscriminate shooting" of refugees.

The exodus may be the largest since fighting broke out in the former Yugoslavia four years ago. The Croatian offensive captured a huge swath of Serb-held territory and sent many residents into Serb-held lands in Bosnia and Serbia.

In Paris, the international "contact group" warned that a Croatian offensive to retake eastern Slavonia from Serb secessionists could lead to a widening of the war in the former Yugoslavia.

Member countries of the contact group — Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States — expressed concern over such a move, threatened by Croatian Defence Minister Gojko Susak in the wake of Zagreb's successful offensive to retake Krajina at the weekend.

"There exists a real threat of a humanitarian disaster and a widening of the conflict towards a large-scale war," Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Tuesday.

"We cannot allow it," he said, reiterating Moscow's condemnation of the latest Croatian offensives which have wrested virtually all of Krajina from Serb control. Eastern Slavonia, an eco-

nomically rich area that borders on Serbia, is the last major chunk of Croatian territory still controlled by secessionist Croatian Serbs.

The German government called on Croatian President Franjo Tudjman to show restraint towards Krajina Serbs and to "contribute to easing of tensions and stabilisation in eastern Slavonia."

In London, the Foreign Office said the British government "would not welcome" the use of force by Croatia to retake eastern Slavonia.

"Such action would be highly destabilising and that sector is particularly sensitive," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

Paris repeated its condemnation of Croatia's offensive in Krajina, and said it was worried about respect for human rights in the region.

U.N. spokesman Yuri Shishayev said an estimated 120,000 Serbs were on the move in Croatia. In addition, tens of thousands of renegade Muslims were on the move after the Bosnian army took all rebel-held land around Bihac in northwestern Bosnia.

Many refugees were stuck in a region between the Croatian capital of Zagreb and the border with Bosnia, squeezed between the Croatian army to the north and the Bosnian army pushing up from the south.

About 30,000 refugees were camped out around the U.N. base at Topusko, 55 kilometres south of Zagreb, said U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanov in Sarajevo.

Further along the refugees' route, columns of cars 50 kilometres long were backed up at the border between Bosnia and Serbia.

Aid agencies said the Serb exodus from Croatia could total 200,000 people.

Evidence mounted that some of the refugees were coming under attack.

Kris Kanowski, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said a group of refugees near Topusko was shelled Tuesday, either by Croat or Bosnian government artillery.

Basing his account on reports from UNHCR field workers near the shelling, he said an unknown number of people were killed. U.N. spokeswoman Leah Melnick said six shells landed on a stretch of road crowded with refugees in the space of three minutes.

There were also reports of "indiscriminate shooting of refugees" south of Zagreb, said Yasushi Akashi, head of the United Nations for the former Yugoslavia. He could not say how widespread the reports were.

Another U.N. official, Chris Guinness, said Ukrainian peacekeepers had seen Bosnian soldiers torching houses.

On Monday, Serb officials said Croatian jets attacked a refugee column trying to enter western Bosnia. Witnesses said five people were killed and many more were wounded. The UNHCR in Geneva said it had "Sketchy Reports" of refugees being shelled in the region, but could provide no details.

"All this added together is quite alarming," said Mr. Janowski, referring to the re-

PLO, Israel agree on pullout timetable

Arafat, Peres work on redeployment

TABA, Egypt (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel took a big step towards expanding long-delayed Palestinian autonomy with an agreement announced Tuesday setting a timetable for Israel's withdrawal from occupied parts of the West Bank.

The deal came during talks between PLO and Israeli delegates that began Monday in this Red Sea resort on clearing the way for Palestinian elections. Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met for a second time Tuesday evening after making headway in five hours of talks the day before.

The Palestinians won the definite timetable, which they had long demanded, but agreed to allow Israel more time to complete the withdrawal, which will take until at least February 1997.

"We have for the first time an agreement on withdrawal, redeployment, and a timetable for this purpose. We have asked for that from the beginning," PLO spokesman Marwan Kanafani said.

U.S. starts proceedings against Abu Marzouk on Israeli-filed charges

NEW YORK (Agencies) — The U.S. government began extradition proceedings Tuesday against a political leader of the militant group Hamas, arresting him on Israeli charges he financed and authorised "terrorist" acts in Israel.

A complaint by Israel said Musa Abu Marzouk, who has lived in the United States for 14 years, engaged in conspiracies to commit murder, manslaughter and other crimes in Israel or against Israeli citizens.

Mr. Abu Marzouk appeared briefly Tuesday morning before Judge Theodore H. Katz, who told him he had the right to waive his extradition hearing, which would have allowed him to be sent to Israel to face the charges.

"We decline the gracious offer of the United States government," his lawyer, Stanley Cohen, said with sarcasm.

Mr. Cohen has said his client is not a "terrorist" and is not linked to violence.

A complaint unsealed at the hearing said Mr. Abu Marzouk is the head of the Hamas political bureau, which it said is the "highest ranking leadership body in the organisation."

The complaint added: "This bureau has responsibility for directing and coordinating terrorist acts by Hamas in Israel and the

(Continued on page 7)

Shetreet: Jews should be allowed to pray at Haram Al Sharif

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — Jews as well as Muslims should be allowed to pray on Jerusalem's Haram Al Sharif, Israeli Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet reportedly said Tuesday.

The comments, which provoked a sharp reaction from the Islamic religious authority, were made in cabinet and came after police prevented Jews from entering the compound on Sunday.

Dozens of Israelis from a radical group called the Temple Mount Faithful tried to force their way in and scuffled with police.

"Jews must also be allowed to pray on Temple Mount along with Arabs," a government official quoted Mr. Shetreet as telling the cabinet, using the Israeli name for the area.

He suggested a system similar to one in force at the Ibrahim Mosque in Hebron where an Israeli massacred at least 30 Muslims knelt in prayer in February 1994. The two faiths worship in separate areas and are kept totally apart.

Adnan Hussein, director of the Waqf which manages Haram Al Sharif said: "We warn against the consequences of such declaration which aim only to satisfy settlers and radicals of whom we have already had enough."

(Continued on page 7)

Sheikh Zayed, Assad discuss Arab rifts

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — The presidents of Syria and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) met here Tuesday in a fresh bid to mend long-standing rifts caused by the 1991 Gulf war and reunite Arab ranks.

President Hafez Al Assad greeted Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan Al Nahayan at Damascus airport, and the two went directly to the Al Sha'eb guest palace for talks.

They were expected to focus on Arab reconciliation and the need for greater cooperation to face emerging regional challenges stemming from the Middle East peace process.

Sheikh Zayed flew from Alexandria, where he had similar talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Monday.

Syria and Egypt are signatories to the so-called "Damascus declaration," a defence pact formulated in March 1991 after the Gulf war with the UAE and the other five members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain.

The purpose was to form an Arab force to defend the Gulf states if they were again threatened.

But the alliance never got off the ground, because the Gulf states preferred to rely on the United States and other Western powers for their protection.

Sheikh Zayed was expected to conclude a number of agreements with

Damascus and Cairo as part of the GCC's moves to provide financial aid to its Arab allies.

Egypt and Syria were key Arab components of the U.S.-led coalition formed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

UAE officials said Sheikh Zayed's current tour was aimed at "fortifying Arab solidarity" at a time when Syria is locked in peace negotiations with Israel.

They said, without elaboration, the UAE was in a position to play a vital role in that direction.

Mini-summit in Egypt

In Alexandria, Sheikh Zayed and President Mubarak held a three-way summit with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to discuss healing Arab rifts and Israeli-Palestinian autonomy talks, officials said.

The talks focused on "ways to seal Arab reconciliation and the Israeli-Palestinian peace process," an official said.

Mr. Mubarak and Sheikh Zayed also held separate talks on the situation in the Gulf, the Middle East peace process and the region's future, Foreign Minister Amr Musa told reporters.

"Efforts that Islamic countries can make to help Bosnian Muslims" were also studied, an official said.

Sheikh Zayed went on to hold a third meeting with Esmat Abdul Meguid, secretary general of the Arab League, on improving inter-Arab ties.

Turkey: No federation with Kurds

DIYARBAKIR (R) — Turkey has no ethnic problem and setting up a federation to resolve an 11-year-old Kurdish separatist rebellion is out of the question, Interior Minister Nahir Mentese said on Tuesday. "It is not possible for us to accept such ideas as a federation," Mr. Mentese said in the first public reaction by a government minister to an academic report released by an influential business group last week urging Ankara to improve its treatment of Turkey's more than 10 million Kurds. "Turkey has no ethnic problem. We shall preserve its unitary structure," he told reporters on a visit to Diyarbakir, the biggest city in the mainly Kurdish southeast. The report, released by the Union of Chambers and Trade Bourses, included a rare poll of more than 1,200 Kurds, most of whom said they would choose autonomy or being part of a federation if they had the chance to change Turkey's political structure. More than 17,500 people have died in the fight by the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) for independence of autonomy.

Israeli accused of spying for Iran

TEL AVIV (AP) — An Israeli man jailed secretly for three months went on trial Tuesday on charges of spying for Iran.

Herzl Rad, 31, denied any wrongdoing, his lawyer said.


The case only became public Monday after a report in the Arabic-language London weekly Al Wasat, and information about the defendant and the charges remained sketchy (see page 2).

Radio reports said Mr. Rad was born in Iran and had recently lived in the United States, where he ran a clothing business.

According to parts of the charge sheet released Tuesday, Mr. Rad is accused of contact with an enemy agent and espionage, charges that carry penalties of up to 30 years in prison.

He is accused of approaching Iranian agents in Istanbul at an undisclosed date and voluntarily going with them to Iran.

On the Occasion of
The Prophet's Birthday



ARAB BANK

has the honour to convey to
HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN
and to the Jordanian People
its felicitations and
most cordial wishes

Israeli held for spying for unnamed Muslim country

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel on Tuesday refused official comment on an Arab magazine report it kidnapped an Israeli suspected of spying for a Muslim country but security sources said Israel had the man in solitary confinement.

Al Wasat, an Arabic-language weekly based in London, said on Monday that in June Israeli Mossad agents lured Herzl Rad, an Israeli in his 30s, from Austria to Turkey and then spirited him to Israel on a flight of Israel's state-owned airlines El Al.

It said Mr. Rad was suspected of spying against Israel for Libya.

Israeli security sources said Mr. Rad had been charged with spying and contact with a foreign agent but could not confirm he had been kidnapped. They said only that he was suspected of spying for a "Muslim country."

Israel's army radio quoted security sources saying the country was not Libya. Israel Radio said Mr. Rad's trial would apparently begin on Wednesday.

Tsion Amir, Mr. Rad's lawyer, told Reuters that a Jerusalem court had placed a gas order on the case and so he could not comment except to confirm he was the man's attorney.

In an interview with army radio, Mr. Amir said he had requested the gas order be lifted. He indicated that parts of the Al Wasat report were exaggerated, saying: "There is a certain fantasy in this story that was published."

A spokesman for the Israeli embassy in Turkey said: "It's a great story, but it's just not true. No such thing happened. This is an attempt to spoil the good relations between Israel and Turkey."

Israeli Foreign Minister

Shimon Peres, asked by Israeli Radio to comment, said: "This is connected to the justice area and I don't want to say from good to bad or anything on this issue."

Security sources said Mr. Rad was a 31-year-old clothing merchant of Iranian descent who lived in Jerusalem. Israel Radio said he had tried to commit suicide three times in prison.

Israel's Maariv newspaper quoted a woman named Yael Rad, identified only as a relative of Herzl, as insisting he was innocent and adding: "Everything that has been published about Herzl is a complete lie."

The circumstances described in the Al Wasat version of Mr. Rad's capture hark back to the case of convicted Israeli nuclear spy Mordechai Vanunu and lured by secret service agents from London and Rome and then brought by ship to Israel.

Mr. Vanunu, a former nuclear technician, was convicted of espionage and treason in a secret trial in 1986 and sentenced to 18 years in prison for providing the Sunday Times of London smuggled photographs of Israel's dimona nuclear complex.

Mr. Vanunu has been kept in solitary confinement since his capture and conviction. Yossi Melman, an Israeli author of books on spies, told Israel Radio the tremendous interest aroused in Israel by the case arose from the secrecy maintained by the government.

"If we acted like a normal democratic country in the West where in a spy case the details are released by the protocol of the court... our emotions would be reduced," he said.

Sudan imposes visa requirement for Arabs

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan, explaining its decision to require entry visas from Arab travellers, said on Monday its open-door policy had attracted criminals such as the international guerrilla Carlos the Jackal.

The Interior Ministry on Sunday announced that Arab travellers would need to obtain entry visas before travelling to Sudan, reimposing restrictions lifted five years ago.

Interior Minister Brigadier Al Tayeb Ibrahim Mohammed Khair told state-run Omdurman Radio that the new regulations applied to citizens of all Arab countries except Iraq and Syria and that measures were being taken exempt Libyans also.

He described the move as "a revision but not a retreat" from Khartoum's open-door policy towards Arabs.

"Sudan will remain the land of all Arabs... the principles that Sudan is the territory for all Arabs still stands," he told the Radio.

Some Arab and Western countries, including neighbouring Egypt, charge that Sudan harbours militants plotting to overthrow conservative governments in the region.

Last month Cairo, which accuses Khartoum of masterminding an attempt to kill President Hosni Mubarak in the Ethiopian capital Addis

Ababa in June, announced that Sudanese citizens should obtain visas before entering Egypt.

Khartoum denies any role in the assassination attempt. Brig. Khair said some countries which he did not identify had complained to Khartoum about the unrestricted entry to Sudan and urged it to re-consider the policy.

He said Sudan's policy over the past five years had attracted some criminals although the number of crimes committed by foreigners had declined from 11,000 in 1990 to 4,000 in 1994.

He pointed to the arrest of Carlos, whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, in Khartoum a year ago. The Venezuelan-born guerrilla, wanted by several Western countries for murder, was handed to France.

The minister also mentioned an Arab who took part in an attack at a mosque in Omdurman last year in which 16 people were killed and 20 injured. The man, identified as Abdul Rahman Al Khleifi, was later executed for his role in the attack.

Outside the Arab World, citizens of Ethiopia, Tanzania and the Central African Republic can travel to Sudan without visas as before, according to the Interior Ministry.



DISPUTED LAND: Residents of Shalatin in the Halaib triangle dance to show their support for Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Halaib is a disputed territory between Egypt and Sudan and has emerged as the key point of conflict between the two countries (see page 12)

King Fahd tells cabinet system changes needed

DUBAI (R) — Saudi King Fahd has told the first meeting of his new cabinet that system changes in the kingdom needed to be implemented.

"We have succeeded in dealing with the (financial) crisis and have had to bear its consequences, which were not as harsh as shown by some international media. I can say we are in a better position as a result of the measures adopted."

The king did not elaborate on the proposed changes but said the main aim was the "welfare of the citizen."

In the first major shake up since 1975, King Fahd appointed 15 new ministers to the 28-man cabinet, including 20 holders of post-graduate degrees.

The king is pushing ahead with economic reforms in a bid to balance the 1995 \$40 billion budget which carries a \$4 billion projected deficit. Riyadh, the world's largest oil exporter, and producer, has been badly hit by weak oil prices, recording a \$10.7 billion deficit last year despite cutting the budget by 20 per cent.

Witness identifies British soldiers as Cyprus case assailants

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) — A Cypriot witness Tuesday identified three British soldiers on trial for the killing of a Danish tour guide as the men who attacked him and his girlfriend.

"If I had a gun at that moment, I would have shot them all," Michael Vassiliades, 22, told the three-judge court, his voice choking and tears streaming down his face.

In the most dramatic moment of three-week-old trial, Mr. Vassiliades testified how the accused beat up Louise Jensen, 23, before bundling her in their car and driving away.

Mr. Vassiliades faced Alan Ford, 26, Justin Folwer, 26, and Jeff Parnell, 23, as he gave his lengthy testimony, which was translated simultaneously from Greek to English.

The soldiers bowed their heads and stared at the floor as they sat listening only four metres from the witness stand.

The defendants have pleaded not guilty to charges of manslaughter, kidnapping and conspiracy to rape Jensen, of Hirthals, Denmark, in the beach resort of Ayia Napa, on the night of Sept. 12-13.

The three were serving at Dhekelia, a British military base 25 kilometres east of the Mediterranean resort.

Mr. Vassiliades, a student with a summer job in Ayia Napa, said he was driving Jensen on his motorbike shortly after midnight after filling up at a gas station where the three accused had also stopped with their beach buggy.

Later, when he tried to overtake them on the road into town, the driver of the car swerved to block the motorcycle's path, causing Mr. Vassiliades to lose balance and crash, he testified.

As he tried to remove Jensen's trapped leg from under the motorbike, "I noticed the car had stopped about 20 metres ahead and then it started reversing towards me."

"I thought they were coming to help but the car was coming up so fast... I instinctively realised something was going wrong."

One of the three men in the car got out and chased Mr. Vassiliades away, threatening him with a shovel, he said.

When he looked back, Mr. Vassiliades added, "I saw the driver and the co-driver hitting her as she lay on the pavement. I don't know with what."

"The girl was shouting for help and cursing them. She tried to get away, shouting my name. When the third man joined them, all three picked her up by force without saying anything. They put her in the back of the car on her back and left her legs sticking out of the side."

"I realised then, as a kind of premonition came over me, that the girl was lost," he said.

There was a hush in the court as Mr. Vassiliades paused to regain his composure. The chairman of the court asked him to turn and face the bench rather than the accused.

Greenpeace warns Italy over Lebanon toxic waste

BEIRUT (R) — Greenpeace told the Italian government on Tuesday to take back 10,000 barrels of toxic waste it dumped in Lebanon in the 1980s or risk a confrontation with the international environmental watchdog.

"It is our last warning to (the Rome) government to accept Italy's responsibility in the waste scandal," Greenpeace's Malta-based Lebanon campaigner Fouad Hamdan said in an open letter to Carlo Calia, the Italian ambassador in Beirut.

Greenpeace sent a copy of the letter by fax to Reuters in Beirut.

Asked by telephone what the group would do if Rome ignored its warning, Mr. Hamdan said: "You know Greenpeace. We will go to confrontation if diplomacy, which we tried many times, fails. We will no longer be Mr. Nice Guy."

The issue of the barrels, part of a shipment of 16,000 of which 6,000 were sent back to Italy, arose in 1994 when two chemical waste containers were found in the Keserwan mountains north of Beirut.

Mr. Hamdan said a statement by Italian Under-Secretary for Foreign Trade

Mario D'Urso that Rome will execute all decisions by the Lebanese judiciary investigating the case "was due to diplomatic expedience, not any sincere motivations of concern."

Mr. Calia said earlier this year that Italy had taken back all the waste.

The Rome government "should assume full responsibility for the matter and take the waste back, thus avoiding further hazards to Lebanon and its population," Mr. Hamdan added.

Greenpeace said "the deadly shipment" was exported by Milan-based firm "Jelly Wax" to Lebanon in 1987, at the height of the 1975-90 civil war, and was dumped off the coast of Beirut and in the mountains, where it may contaminate aquifers.

The two containers found in the mountains were shipped outside Lebanon last month and the waste was "disappeared," Environment Minister Pierre Pharaon has said.

Beirut port was controlled by the Lebanese forces, the main Christian militia, when the waste was shipped from Italy.

Bandar promoted

Saudi Arabia's long-serving ambassador to the United States, Prince Bandar Ben Sultan, has been promoted to ministerial level, SPA said.

SPA said a royal decree by King Fahd on Monday conferred the ministerial rank on the prince, who is the son of Defence Minister Prince Sultan.

Prince Bandar was among some 90 key officials who had their terms of duty extended by two years last month by King Fahd.

The agency's report, late on Monday, gave no details.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Yemen opposition to close ranks

SANAA (R) — Eight Yemeni opposition parties have decided to set up a joint body to coordinate their activities, a statement said on Tuesday. The parties, holding a total of 70 seats in the 301-member parliament, said they decided "to form a higher council of coordination" comprising their secretaries-general and two members from each party. One opposition source said the move was "to develop and activate the role of the opposition parties concerning political, social and economic issues."

Efforts have been made to revamp the Yemeni political opposition, which was largely marginalised after the end of a two-month civil war in July 1994 between southern separatists and troops loyal to President Ali Abdullah Saleh. The eight parties include the Yemen Socialist Party with 65 parliamentary seats. The party ruled the former South Yemen until its merger with the North in May 1990. Some of its leaders championed the secessionist bid, which was crushed when President Saleh's forces captured Aden, capital of the separatist state, on July 7, 1994. Yemen is ruled by a coalition government of Mr. Saleh's General People's Congress and the Islamist Islah party of Parliamentary Speaker Sheikh Abdullah Al Ahmar.

Knesset member Kaufman dead at 60

TEL AVIV (AP) — Right-wing lawyer Haim Kaufman, who rose from militia member to transport minister, died of an undisclosed illness Monday. He was 60. Kaufman, a member of the opposition Likud Party, was first elected to parliament in 1977. He served as transport minister, deputy knesset speaker, deputy finance minister and coalition chairman under former Premier Yitzhak Shamir. As a youth, Kaufman was involved in Menachem Begin's Irgun underground. Likud member Yossi Ahimeir, a former Shamir spokesman, will replace Kaufman in the legislature. Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu remembered Kaufman as "a loyal friend and a loyal Israeli. We will miss him very much." Kaufman is survived by a wife and three children. A private funeral was to be held for him in Petah Tikva on Tuesday.

3 die in attack on Somalia convoy

NAIROBI (AFP) — Three people died in the southern Somali port city of Kisumu as a U.N. World Food Programme (WFP) convoy moved out of a warehouse and then came under attack, WFP spokeswoman Brenda Barton said in Nairobi Tuesday. She said shots Monday were first fired in the air to disperse bystanders — apparently by police — and that one person was killed by a stray bullet. About 20 minutes later the three trucks ran into an ambush and crashed, killing two bystanders, she said. The gunmen fled. The trucks nevertheless managed to deliver 60 tonnes of food to Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF — Doctors Without Borders) and feeding centres. The food had been held up in the WFP warehouse for a week-and-a-half following looting of supplies and extortion, Barton said. Another 80 tonnes were due to be distributed Tuesday. Agencies are increasing food distribution in many regions of Somalia following reports of widespread starvation, caused by a combination of flooding, drought and poverty in the lawless Horn of Africa, which has been without a government since the overthrow of dictator Mohammad Siad Barre in January 1991. The police in Kisumu are remnants of a force set up by the United Nations before U.N. troops pulled out of Somalia in March after two-and-a-half years.

Turkish workers hold mass protest, strikes

ANKARA (AFP) — Almost 600,000 public sector workers were taking part in strikes or slowdowns on Tuesday, in a 24-hour action aimed at winning wider trade union rights and unblocking wage negotiations, union sources said here. An official of Turk-Is, the country's biggest union federation with 2.7 million members, said workers had been asked to be present at their workplaces, but to either slow down or stop work altogether. The action, also supported by the smaller Hak-Is and DISK federations, was due to end early on Wednesday. The official, Yildirim Koc, said the action was aimed at winning union rights for public sector employees, and at unblocking collective bargaining talks affecting some 680,000 workers. Turkish civil servants are forbidden by the constitution from joining a trade union. A resolution aimed at rescinding the ban was thrown out by parliament at the end of last month. The government has offered only a four per cent wage rise, although inflation in Turkey is running at over 80 per cent annually. "We demand an increase which allows us to protect our living standards," Mr. Koc said. The industrial action follows a Turk-Is demonstration attended by between 60,000 and 100,000 workers in Ankara on Saturday.

Graduates knock out Cairo's phone network

CAIRO (AFP) — Hundreds of thousands of high school graduates knocked out all the lines in Cairo's telephone network on Tuesday, as they rushed to announce to friends and relatives their success in year-end exams. The telephone breakdown was the largest since an October 1992 earthquake that killed 500 people in the Egyptian capital, experts said. "The lines were swamped because of the announcement of the year-end exam results," and engineers with the state telephone company told AFP. Twice the usual number of students took the exam this year due to a reform in the number of school years — 410,000, of whom 74.5 per cent passed, Education Minister Hussein Kamel Bahaddin said Tuesday. The final exam, which determines what university faculty a student may enter, is notorious for the stress it lays on students and parents. Many parents jostle to get an advance peek at the results by exploiting contacts at the ministry committee which grades exams from all 26 Egyptian provinces before releasing them to the schools to announce.

JORDAN TELEVISION
Tel: 771111-19

PROGRAMME TWO
14:00 Problem Child
14:30 Super Clumps
15:00 Tomorrow's World
15:30 Amazing Stories
16:00 Families
17:00 Children's Programme — Sprou
17:30 Telefilm "Nestor Burma"
19:00 News in English
19:15 Ushuaia
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Arthur Clarke's Mysterious Universe
20:00 Anything for a Laugh
20:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
21:15 Blood and Belonging
22:00 News in English
22:30 Prism
22:45 Drama — Blue Skies (Part III)
23:30 Separate But Equal

PRAYER TIMES
04:25 Fajr
(05:57) (Sunrise) Dhuhur
12:41 Dhuhur
16:21 Asr
19:32 Maghrib
20:58 Isha

CHURCHES
St. Mary of Nazareth Church
Swissotel, Tel. 810740
Assemblies of God Church, Tel. 632785.

St. Joseph Church Tel. 624590.
Church of the Annunciation Tel. 637440.
De la Salle Church Tel. 661757
Terra Sancta Church Tel. 622366
Church of the Annunciation Tel. 623541.
Anglican Church Tel. 630851. Tel. 623543.
Armenian Catholic Church Tel. 771331.
Armenian Orthodox Church Tel. 77261.
St. Ephraim Church Tel. 771751.
Armenian International Church Tel. 652526.
Evangelical Lutheran Church Tel. 834328.
German-speaking Evangelical Congregation Tel. 664195.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Tel. 654932.
Church of Nazareth Tel. 678401.
The Evangelical Local Church in Amman Tel. 811295.

WEATHER
Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.
Normal summer weather conditions will prevail during the weekend with temperatures around average and winds northwesterly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Min./Max. temp.
Amman 20/31
Aqaba 25/38

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

Deserts 18 / 36
Jordan Valley 25 / 38

Yesterday's high temperatures:
Amman 31 Aqaba 37. Humidity readings: Amman 47 per cent, Aqaba 46 per cent.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

NIGHT DUTY

AMMAN:
Dr. Awni Al Hawamdeh 777665
Dr. Ramzi Mzawi 894788
Dr. Fayez Al Dabbas 739155
Dr. Abdul Wahab Awad 846070
Firas pharmacy 661912
Ferdows pharmacy 778336
Al Asema pharmacy 637055
Nairookh pharmacy 626762
Al Salam pharmacy 636730
Yacoub pharmacy 644945
Shoncsani pharmacy 637660
Nairookh pharmacy 626762
Najib pharmacy 847632

IRBID:
Dr. Fayez Al Qadi 248743
Al Quds pharmacy (-)

ZARQA:
Dr. Samir Al Lawzi 989601
Khalifeh pharmacy 905417

EMERGENCIES

Food Control Centre 637111
Civil Defence Department 661111
Rescue 630341
Civil Defence Emergency 199
Rescue Police (192-61111), 637777
Fire Brigade 617101
Blood Bank 775121
Highway Police 843402
Traffic Police 694390
Public Security Department 630321
Hotel Complaints 602800
Price Complaints 661176
Water and Sewerage 661176
Complaints 897467
Amman Municipality 787111
Telephone Information (directory assistance) 121
Overseas Calls 010230
Central Amman Telephone 623101
Repairs 623101
Abdali Telephone Repairs 661101
Jordan Television 773111
Radio Jordan 774111
Water Authority 680100
Electric Power Company 636381
RJ Flight Information 06-53230
Queen Alia Int. Airport (06-53230)

HOSPITALS

AMMAN:
Hussein Medical Centre 813813/32

FOR THE TRAVELLER

QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Khalidi Maternity, J. Amn 6442816
Akilth Maternity, J. Amn 642441/2
Jahul Amman Maternity 642362
Malhas, J. Amman 636140
Palestine, Shmeisani 646171/4
Shmeisani Hospital 649131
University Hospital 845845
Al-Musabir Hospital 667277/9
Al-Ahl, Abdali 6641646
Al-Ahl, Abdali 6641646
Italian, Al-Mubajreen 777101/3
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh 775111/26
Army, Shmeisani 891611/15
Queen Alia Hospital 602240/50
Amal Hospital 674155
The Arab Centre for Heart and Special Surgery 865199
ZARQA:
Zarqa Govt. Hospital (09)983323
Zarqa National Hospital 865199
Ibn Sina Hospital (09)902640
Al Hikma Modern Hospital (09)99090
IBBID:
Princess Basma Hospital (02)275555
Gret. Catholic Hospital (02)27275
Ibn Al-Nafesa Hospital (02)547100
AQABA:
Princess Haya Hospital (03)314111

This information is supplied by Royal Jordanian (RJ) information department at the Queen Alia International Airport Tel. (06)53230-5, where it should always be verified.

ARRIVALS

Royal Jordanian (RJ) Flights (Terminal 1)
08:30 Damascus (RJ)
09:30 Jeddah (RJ)
10:10 Larnaca (RJ)
10:10 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ)
10:50 Doha, Bahrain (RJ)
15:45 New York, Amsterdam (RJ)
16:50 Madrid (RJ)
18:15 Istanbul (RJ)
18:45 Brussels, Geneva (RJ)
18:55 Toronto, Montreal (RJ)
19:10 Frankfurt, Vienna (RJ)
19:15 London, Berlin (RJ)
19:40 Rome (RJ)
19:40 Paris, Geneva (RJ)
06:35 Beirut (RJ)
01:15 Cairo (RJ)

Other Flights (Terminal 2)
08:45 Beirut (ME)
13:00 Jeddah (SV)
14:15 Cairo (MS)
19:30 Doha, Muscat (GF)
19:35 Abu Dhabi, Karachi (PK)
22:00 Dhaka (TK)
22:00 Dubai (EK)
22:05 Larnaca (CY)
23:45 Sharjah (AH)

Other Flights (Terminal 2)
08:45 Beirut (ME)
13:00 Jeddah (SV)
14:15 Cairo (MS)
19:30 Doha, Muscat (GF)
19:35 Abu Dhabi, Karachi (PK)
22:00 Dhaka (TK)
22:00 Dubai (EK)
22:05 Larnaca (CY)
23:45 Sharjah (AH)

HIAZ RAILWAY TRAIN

Dep. Amman 8:00 a.m. every Monday
Arr. Damascus 5:00 p.m. every Monday
Dep. Damascus 7:30 a.m. every Sunday
Arr. Amman 5:00 p.m. every Sunday

MARKET PRICES

Upplower price in fils per kg.

Apple 700 / 500
Banana (Mukammal) 600
Cabbage 110 / 60
Carrot 240 / 140
Cauliflower 300 / 200
Cucumbers (large) 150 / 100
Cucumbers (small) 150 / 100
Eggplant 280 / 180
Figs 190 / 100
Garlic 650 / 500
Grapes 450 / 300
Lemon 600 / 500
Marrow (large) 150 / 100
Marrow (small) 280 / 180
Mukhla 750 / 600
Onion (dry) 200 / 100
Orange 450 / 300
Peas 800 / 600
Pepper (hot) 200 / 100
Pepper (sweet) 200 / 100
Potato 380 / 280
String Beans 420 / 300
Sweet Melon 260 / 180
Tomato 150 / 100
Water Melon 120 / 60

Premier lays office foundation stone in Balqa

SALT (Petra) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Tuesday laid the foundation stone for a four-storey building in Salt that will become the offices of the Balqa governor and administrative staff.

According to George Kildani, acting director of the Public Works Department in Balqa, the 4,282-square-metre complex will be set up on a 7,500-square-metre plot. The Ministry of Public Works is responsible for the completion of the structure in 400 days, Mr. Kildani, an engineer, said.

He said at a briefing,



Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Tuesday lays the foundation stone for the new Balqa Governorate complex which will make available 4,282 square metres of office space for the governor and staff (Petra photo)

attended by Sharif Zeid and other officials, that the project, which will cost JD 826,622, should be ready for occupancy by September 1996.

He said that the complex will also include a large car park.

\$24m loan to finance construction of fertilisers plant

By Khaled Zubeidi
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Nippon Jordan Fertiliser Company (NJFC) is to receive a dual currency syndicated loan totalling \$24 million to help finance the construction of a compound fertilisers plant near the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) industrial complex in Aqaba in accordance with an agreement signed in Amman Tuesday.

The loan provided by four Jordanian banks and the Social Security Corporation (SSC) will be in the form of \$12.2 million and JD 8.12 million, and has been guaranteed by the JPMC and the Arab Potash Company (APC) to be repaid over a nine-year period.

According to the NJFC the project, which will cost a total of \$84 million, will be completed in 27 months and

will become productive early in 1997.

The loan has been arranged and managed by the Arab Bank and Citibank. The Housing Bank, the Jordan Investment and Finance Bank as well as the SSC have participated in the loan, according to a statement following the signing ceremony held at the Arab Bank's headoffice.

The statement noted that the plant is expected to produce 300,000 tonnes of compound fertilisers annually, most of which will be marketed in Japan adding that the project will be set up on 55 dunums of land.

The JPMC and the APC each hold 20 per cent equity in the project, and four Japanese firms hold the rest. They are ZEN-NOH (30 per cent), Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation (10 per cent), Asahino Company (10 per

cent, and Mitsubishi Corporation (10 per cent).

The plant is to be built jointly by French and Japanese companies at the cost of \$62 million, the statement said.

It said it will produce five types of compound fertilisers employing inputs provided by the JPMC and the APC for \$30 million annually.

The plant, which the NJFC says will employ 155 workers, is expected to earn \$30 million from its sales in the first year rising to \$60 million annually in the following two years.

Arranging a loan of this size for a project, especially in foreign currency in addition to local currency, confirms the existence of significant opportunities to provide financing for viable projects "particularly those erected in order to enhance

exports, the statement said.

It added that the indispensability of such a loan stems from the fact that it is one of the few dual currency loans that have been extended to the private sector without Jordanian government guarantee.

Rather, the statement said, it has been extended due to the viability of the project, a fact which will undoubtedly create new opportunities to further financing other viable projects, the statement added.

Present at the signing ceremony were Minister of Finance Basel Jaraneh, Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Abul Ragheb, Governor of the Central Bank of Jordan Mohammad Saeed Nabulsi, the chairman and general managers of the JPMC and the APC and the participating banks, and representatives of the borrower.

Visiting Islamic leader says peace treaty put end to 'Jordan is Palestine' claim

AMMAN (J.T.) — The leader of the Islamic movement in Israel, Sheikh Abdullah Nimer Issa Darwish, Tuesday met in Amman with Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdul Karim Kabariti and later told Jordan Television that the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty had laid to rest claims from Israeli extreme rightists that Jordan is the substitute homeland for the Palestinians.

The Likud Party, which could eventually assume power in Israel, advocates the 'Jordan is Palestine' theory, but with the peace treaty in force it is clear that the idea is entirely unfeasible, said Sheikh Darwish.

The process can only succeed when Israel recognises the full rights of the Palestinian people, including Arab Jerusalem with all its Christian and Muslim shrines, Sheikh Darwish said.

The key to peace or war in the region is Jerusalem, and Israel has to respect and return the Arab rights to Jerusalem and comply with United Nations resolutions and implement its agreements with the Arabs in order to establish peace, he added.



Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdul Karim Kabariti Tuesday meets with Sheikh Abdullah Nimer Issa Darwish, who is visiting Jordan from Israel (Petra photo)

Jordan Television quoted Sheikh Darwish as saying that the Islamic movement in Israel appreciates Jordan's democratic system and its political pluralism, and added that relations between the successive governments in Jordan and the Islamic movement in the country were strong and served as a basis for stability and prosperity in the Kingdom as well as an example to other Arab states.

During the meeting with Mr. Kabariti, Sheikh Darwish discussed several issues of common concern to Jordan and the Israeli Arabs.

Jardaneh, Yemeni minister review Jordan's economic restructuring programme

AMMAN (Petra) — Yemeni Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Development and Planning Abdul Qader Bajamal met Tuesday with Finance Minister Basel Jaraneh for a briefing on the Jordanian economic restructuring programme agreed upon with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the outcome of its implementation in the Kingdom.

Mr. Jaraneh briefed the Yemeni official on Jordan's

endeavours to reduce or reschedule its debts to foreign countries.

At the meeting the two sides reviewed prospects for Yemeni-Jordanian cooperation in financial affairs.

Mr. Jaraneh expressed his ministry's willingness to provide Yemen with the related expertise.

Earlier Tuesday, the Yemeni minister and his delegation met with senior officials at the Ministry of Planning and were briefed

by the director of projects, Zaidoun Rashdan, on the ministry's internal administration system and the process of planning for different government sectors as well as Jordan's management of grants and loans from foreign countries and organisations.

The Yemenis were briefed on the planning of economic projects undertaken by several government departments.



Basel Jaraneh

20 JBA representatives prepare for trade, industry talks with Turkish counterparts

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Businessmen's Association (JBA) said Tuesday that it has started preparations for a second meeting of the Jordan-Turkey Business Council next month in Istanbul.

At least 20 Jordanian businessmen representing various economic sectors in the Kingdom are expected to take part in the four-day meeting starting on September 20, according to JBA Chairman Hamdi Tabba'a, who will lead the Jordanian team to the meeting.

Mr. Tabba'a, who will deliver the key address at the

opening of the meeting, said that the council is expected to review a programme of trade and industrial cooperation between Turkey and Jordan and explore the prospects of mutual cooperation at the regional as well as the bilateral level.

The JBA team is also preparing ideas and proposals to be submitted to next month's meeting dealing with Jordanian-Turkish ventures in food processing industries, contracting, communications and tourism, added Mr. Tabba'a.

The Jordanian businessmen will tour industrial cen-

tres and factories and will hold separate trade and industry talks with their Turkish counterparts.

According to a JBA statement, the council, which groups members of the JBA and the Turkish Foreign Economic Relations Council, was established last year and held its first meeting in Amman last October with the attendance of more than 70 Turkish businessmen.

Since the beginning of 1995, the JBA has hosted several Turkish business delegations for discussions on trade and joint ventures, the statement added.



Hamdi Tabba'a

House condemns Israeli decision on Al Aqsa

AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parliament Tuesday condemned an Israeli court decision allowing the Jewish Temple Mount Faithful group to enter Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem and perform their prayers in it.

In a statement issued Tuesday the House said the repeated attempts by the group to enter the mosque coincide with the attempts made by Israeli settlers and extremists to encroach upon the sanctity of holy places elsewhere in the occupied Arab territories.

The statement said such Israeli attempts are a blow to the peace process in the region, particularly on the Palestinian-Israeli track, and reflect the resolve of the Israeli authorities to pursue attempts at expansion and hegemony.

"While the House expresses its anger over and condemnation of the Israeli court's decision, it calls on

all countries concerned with the Middle East peace process and all international bodies and organisations to shoulder their full responsibilities in putting an end to the repeated Israeli attempts and to pressure Israel into accepting the United Nations resolutions on the holy places in the occupied Arab territories, particularly Jerusalem."

The House also called on the International Parliamentary Union (IPU) members to urge their governments to make every possible effort to press upon Israel to repeal the court decision in order not to undermine the foundations of a just and comprehensive peace.

Also Tuesday the Royal Commission on Jerusalem Affairs strongly denounced the Israeli court's decision, declaring it illegal because it was issued by a body that has no right whatsoever to pass any ruling or decision on the Arab city of

Jerusalem which has been occupied since 1967.

In a statement issued Tuesday, the commission said the decision contravenes all international resolutions and the essence and provisions of the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel.

It said the decision constitutes a dangerous sign which will have negative effects on the Middle East peace process.

The statement said the Israeli government and all Israeli organisations are asked to put an end to the judaisation of the holy places in Jerusalem.

The Commission called on all Arab and Muslim leaders to unify their ranks and stand firmly in the face of any attempts to confiscate the Arab and Islamic rights in the Arab city of Jerusalem and the holy Islamic and Christian places in the occupied territories.

On Monday an Islamic-Christian Committee issued

a statement condemning the Israeli court's decision and called for its reversal, saying that it has no legal basis.

The statement, which followed an extraordinary meeting of that committee chaired by Senator Kamel Sharif, lauded the Jordanian government's position and praised the efforts made by the Aqsa Mosque guards and the residents of Jerusalem to prevent the Jewish group from entering the place of Muslim worship.

The committee said the decision reflects the Israeli authorities' indifference for the feelings of Muslims and Christians, and constitutes a flagrant violation of international law.

"The Israeli court's decision leads to more tension and clashes, and sparks feelings of enmity between Arabs and Jews", the statement said.

The committee includes Muslim and Christian scholars and religious leaders.

WHAT'S GOING ON

FUHEIS FESTIVAL

* Concert by Elias Karam at the Main Theatre at 9:00 p.m.

* Seminar on the 100th anniversary of the cinema with the participation of Haitham Haqqi of Syria and critic Adnan Mdanat at the residence of late Khalid Mnaizil at 6:30 p.m.

* Several exhibitions on Jordan's tourism sector, Karak, late Jordanian Prime Minister Wasfi Tal, Al Ra'i's 25th anniversary, Germany's struggle against fascism, Orthodox churches, abstract art, and children's art.

LECTURE

* (in Arabic) "The Status of the Islamic Movement and Arab Parties, and Their Role in the Upcoming Israeli Elections" by Sheikh Abdullah Darwish of Palestine at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation at 6:00 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

* Painting by "Pioneers of the Fifties" Isma'il and Suzanne Al Sheikhly, Khalid Qassab, and Dr. Nuri Bejot at Orfali Art Gallery, Umm Utheina.

* Paintings by Aneta Traikova at Alia Art Gallery.

* "Exhibition of Chinese Products '95," at Al Bassam Hall, King Abdullah Gardens.

* Handicrafts and souvenirs at Amman Citadel (9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

* Exhibition demonstrating the development of cinema over the past century, French Cultural Centre.

NEWS IN BRIEF

King congratulates Singapore, King Albert

Amman (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday sent a cable to President Ong Teng Cheong of Singapore, congratulating him in his own name and on behalf of the Jordanian people and government on his country's national day. The King wished President Cheong continued good health and happiness and the people of Singapore further progress and prosperity. On Aug. 9, 1965, Singapore won its independence from Malaysia. Also Tuesday the King sent a congratulatory cable to King Albert of Belgium, congratulating him on the anniversary of his accession to the throne.

Airport modernisation project to focus on Aqaba — Jweiber

AMMAN (Petra) — As part of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) project to modernise the country's airports and facilities the CAA is paying particular attention to Aqaba airport as it will be converted into a full service international airport, according to CAA Director General Ahmad Jweiber Tuesday.

Of the JD 60 million allocated for the airport modernisation programme, the CAA plans to spend JD 27 million on the Aqaba airport so that it can accommodate a significantly larger air transport operation, Mr. Jweiber said. He added that the authority is currently studying bids submitted by several international firms to conduct the conversion at Aqaba.

He said that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has pledged to finance the Aqaba phase of the airports upgrading project. In the meantime, said Mr. Jweiber, the local firm is constructing new airplane



Ahmad Jweiber

hangars at a cost of JD 500,000, and housing units for CAA employees are being built which will cost the CAA JD 140,000.

The CAA's annual JD 2 million budget is spent on maintenance at various airport facilities in Jordan, Mr. Jweiber said.

At Queen Alia International Airport, Mr. Jweiber said, teams are upgrading passenger zones and improving sanitation facilities at a cost of JD 160,000, information systems for a cost of JD

500,000, and the air conditioning system for JD 200,000.

At the moment he added the CAA is supervising the asphaltting, by a local firm, of the northern runway. The cost of that alone is JD 1.22 million. Improving the meteorology system, a project being conducted by a French company, will cost JD 500,000.

Mr. Jweiber said the plan includes using the Marka Civil Airport in Amman for domestic and short-range flights. The CAA, he said, has allocated JD 7 million to modernise that airport's facilities.

Since the opening of QAIA, the Marka facility has been used mainly by Arab Wings, the Civil Aviation Academy and the Royal Falcons as well as the Gliding Club.

The Marka airport will be used this October to receive participants to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) conference.

He said he expects the full modernisation project to be completed by the end of 1998.

Murayama reshuffles cabinet; key posts remain unchanged

TOKYO (Agencies) — Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama reshuffled his cabinet Tuesday, retaining his key foreign, finance and trade ministers but naming an influential private researcher as his economic planning chief.

The reshuffle ended five days of haggling over whether Mr. Murayama's key allies — Yoshi Kono of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and Sakigake Party head Masayoshi Takemura — should stay on as foreign and finance ministers respectively.

In the end, Mr. Murayama successfully persuaded the two to keep their posts, enabling the embattled Socialist prime minister to preserve a delicate balance in his three-party coalition.

Trade Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, who successfully resolved a heated car dispute with the United States, also kept his job.

The reshuffle — Mr. Murayama's first — involved most government ministries but, with the key players still in place, fell far short of a fundamental revamp of the 13-month-old government in the wake of the coalition's poor performance in upper house elections last month.

Mr. Murayama's only surprise appointment was new Economic Planning Agency Minister Isamu Miyazaki, a private researcher at the Daiwa Institute of Research.

He is the only non-politician in the new line-up.

Mr. Miyazaki's appointment was apparently part of Mr. Murayama's efforts to show his government was serious about propping up the sagging economy, which is

struggling to pull out of a prolonged recession.

"The new cabinet will take the issue of economic recovery seriously, and stress the importance of reforms," new Chief Cabinet Secretary Koken Nosaka said after announcing the new line-up.

Nosaka said the cabinet reshuffle was necessary because the outgoing cabinet had already been in place for the usual length of time Japanese ministers stay in place.

Mr. Nosaka, Mr. Murayama's right-hand man in the Socialist Party and the outgoing construction minister, also takes on the role of top government spokesman.

LDP Secretary-General Yoshiro Mori got the job of new construction minister.

Mr. Murayama preserved the basic framework of his 20-member cabinet — 13 posts for the LDP, five for the Socialists and two for Sakigake.

Economic Planning Agency chief Miyazaki counted as a post for Sakigake because the party recommended him.

The widely anticipated lack of major changes — despite the cabinet taking as its slogan "fresh and new" drew media criticism.

The new cabinet is not at all like what's written on its door sign — "fresh and new," said the daily Mainichi Shimbun. "The process just exposed party jockeying, and internal feuds."

The average age of the cabinet members was 62, considerably higher than the previous cabinet. Mr. Murayama did not name a single woman to his new cabinet.

The only woman minister in the outgoing cabinet was Makiko Tanaka, the outspoken science and technology minister and daughter of the late ex-Premier Kakuei Tanaka.

Party officials are pessimistic about the future of Mr. Murayama's fractious ruling coalition after the reshuffle which opened up new divisions.

Though Mr. Murayama assured the changes would go smoothly many observers predicted the reshuffle would hasten the end of the rule by the 72-year-old Socialist, dogged by attacks on his handling of the economy and the government's slow reaction to major events such as the Kobe earthquake.

"There is no fear of a split in the three parties," Mr. Murayama told reporters after reaching an agreement with fellow party leaders over changes to the increasingly unpopular cabinet.

The reshuffle took much negotiating, with Mr. Kono hoping to leave his ministry to concentrate on securing his reelection as LDP party leader in elections next month.

"I believe Mr. Kono eventually understood my firm stance," said Mr. Murayama, who is seeking to revive the government after his party's setback in elections to the upper house of parliament last month.

Some coalition members have made it clear they do not share Mr. Murayama's optimism. "We are not sure whether we can continue the close relations which we have maintained so far," said a senior official of the ruling

coalition. "The debates over the cabinet reshuffle merely caused further damage to the fragile coalition," said the Nihon Keizai Shimbun said. "This appears to show the ruling parties moving towards the end of the Murayama administration."

The Yomiuri Shimbun said a power struggle among the parties may intensify ahead of the LDP election, with Mr. Kono still poised to concentrate more on the possible leadership challenge from the popular International Trade and Industry Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto.

According to recent opinion polls, many voters want Mr. Hashimoto to succeed Mr. Murayama.

"Although the three parties avoided a decisive split by reaching an agreement overnight, the debates showed a sign of further uncertainty of the government," Yomiuri Shimbun added.

Even Mr. Murayama predicted a hard time ahead. "I feel blue and gloomy," he told his aides following talks with Mr. Kono and Mr. Takemura.

The Asahi Shimbun said Mr. Murayama would inevitably lose the prime minister's post once the LDP stopped focussing on party affairs.

Public support for Mr. Murayama's cabinet fell from 38.8 per cent in June to 34.5 per cent in August while the disapproval rate jumped to 43.6 per cent, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun said. It was the largest disapproval rating since the coalition was formed in June last year.



Riot policemen drag one of their injured colleagues during violent clashes with striking construction workers in Panama City, Panama. The policeman was hit by a concrete block dropped by a demonstrator from the 18th floor of a building under construction (AFP photo)

27 injured in Panama riots

PANAMA CITY (AFP) — Twelve police and 15 civilians were injured in riots Monday as construction workers and student sympathisers angered by possible government labour law changes battled with authorities.

Police detained 116 people during the clashes that rocked the capital and the north-western city of Colon, officials said.

Seven police officers were injured in the capital, three of them with burns suffered after student activists near the University of Panama tossed an incendiary device at a police vehicle, a police spokesman said.

One of the injured officers was in a coma after being hit with a cement block hurled from a rooftop, police said.

In Colon, some 70 kilometres northwest of here,

five police and 15 civilians were wounded in confrontations.

At least 30 people were arrested in the capital and another 17 in Colon.

The wave of violence caused Venezuelan Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Burelli to postpone his scheduled arrival here Monday until later in the month.

The unrest followed clashes Friday in which four civilians were killed and several police officers were injured by rock-throwing demonstrators.

Hundreds of union members were arrested in Friday's melee after some 7,000 construction workers went on strike over the legislation under consideration in the assembly which they say would leave them defenceless

in disagreements with employers.

They said they have the backing of 49 unions with some 70,000 members in the banana-growing and construction industries and small businesses.

The workers and students Monday had set up barricades on several small streets and four major downtown avenues before clashing with authorities. Local radio reports said students hurled incendiary devices at an advancing police flank but there were no reports of injuries in such an incident.

The government shut down primary and secondary schools amid security concerns, but business as usual was under way in the capital's financial district and government offices.

At least 33 killed in Colombia rebel attacks

BOGOTA (AFP) — At least 33 people were dead and more than 20 wounded in rebel attacks around the nation marking the first anniversary of President Ernesto Samper taking office, officials said Monday.

The dead included 14 police personnel, six soldiers and 13 guerrillas, according to police.

The rebel's objective in the

attacks which broke out Sunday was to mark Samper's first year in office and press for peace talks, said army General Camilo Zuniga.

The heaviest fighting came in the town of Miraflores in the southeastern department of Guaviare where some 200 to 300 rebels from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) attacked Sunday.

Ten police personnel and 13 rebels were killed and another 16 members of the police force were injured, authorities said Monday.

The attacks were also in retaliation for the destruction of drug-crops being grown on over 8,000 hectares (2,000 acres), the deputy director of the national police, General Luis Enrique Montenegro said.

The FARC is estimated to have some 7,000 members, operates throughout the country. Officially formed as a Marxist, pro-Soviet group in 1964, it is known for kidnapping operations and protecting rural drug farms and laboratories.

Negotiations between the government and Colombian rebel groups currently are stalled.

Argentine ex-admiral dismisses dirty war 'fantasies'

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Ex-Admiral Emilio Massera, most infamous of Argentina's military rulers during the "dirty war" on leftists in the late 1970s, insisted that the human rights crimes he was convicted of were pure "fantasies."

"It didn't happen. If there were any cases you would have to prove it and it has not been proved. It's all fantasies," said Adm. Massera, who was navy chief during the 1976 military coup and a member of the three-man ruling junta for two of the bloodiest years of its campaign against leftist guerrillas.

Adm. Massera, now 69, was appearing on television

for the first time since he was sentenced to life in prison 10 years ago on 83 charges of murder and hundreds more of kidnapping, torture, robbery and extortion.

Little aged since then, and easily recognisable with his bushy eyebrows and thin lips, Adm. Massera has avoided the hostile public eye since he and his junta colleagues were pardoned by President Carlos Menem five years ago.

But he broke his silence last week to criticise army chief General Martin Balza for apologising for the "dirty war" in which some 4,000 were killed and at least 10,000 "disappeared," tortured and "disposed of" by security forces.

Gen. Balza's historic apology followed a spate of confessions by former torturers, including tales of "death flights" where detainees in the Navy Mechanical School (ESMA), Buenos Aires, most dreaded clandestine torture centre, were thrown to their deaths from secret flights over the Atlantic and River Plate.

"But what exactly happened in the ESMA?" Adm. Massera asked his Argentine television interviewers, adding that he had never given or obeyed "immoral orders."

In defence statements at his trial, Adm. Massera said he was responsible but not guilty for what happened.

saying it had been a "just war."

The ex-admiral, smiling nervously and using papers and news cuttings to illustrate his points during the two-hour interview, acknowledged "there were errors and also excesses I suppose, for which I have taken responsibility."

But he dismissed the idea of premeditated repression as "ridiculous" and denied outright that torture or murder were used against leftist guerrillas.

"You are presuming there was torture and I am presuming there was no torture," he said. "But why do you say 'kill'? Where's the proof?" he asked at another point.

Clinton would consider letting government shut down

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. President Bill Clinton declared he would consider letting the federal government shut down for a few days rather than giving in to what he considers extreme budget cuts proposed by Republicans.

In an interview with National Public Radio, Democrat Clinton said he would not approve drastic budget cuts affecting millions of Americans just to get an agreement with the Republican majority Congress before the new fiscal year starts on Oct. 1.

No deal between the White House and Capitol Hill could mean there's temporarily no money for the government to continue operations, effectively shutting it down — a scenario referred to in Washington as a "train wreck."

"If you ask me am I going to blink at the end to avoid shutting down the government, the answer is no," Mr. Clinton told NPR in excerpts broadcast by the network.

"I will not be blackmailed into selling the American people's future down the drain to avoid a train wreck," said the president.

"Better a train wreck for a day or two or three or four, better political damage to Bill Clinton than damaging the future of millions and millions of Americans."

Mr. Clinton said ultimately any shutdown would be Congress' fault. "They will have to vote or not vote to lift the debt ceiling," he said. "They will have to vote or not vote for a continuing resolution to let this government go on. I will have no role in that."

Mr. Clinton has threatened to veto several of the appropriations bills as they have passed the House of Representatives, including measures to slash or kill dozens of government labour, health and education programmes and gut enforcement of environmental protection laws.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said earlier the Republicans were willing to use the debt ceiling to force Mr. Clinton to accept budget cuts. The ceiling of \$4.9 trillion is expected to be reached in October, forcing the federal government to shut down unless Congress votes a higher limit.

In a separate development, Senate Whitewater investigators were told that President Clinton was grief-stricken about the death of his boyhood friend Vincent Foster but was not told on the day Foster's suicide note was found.

When he was told a day later, Mr. Clinton immediately ordered the note be given to investigators, the senators were told.

Banking Committee hearing neither Mr. Clinton nor Hillary Rodham Clinton was connected to the failed Madison Guaranty Thrift or involved in any illegal activities.

The investigators, including former Federal Home Loan Bank Board officials, testified that their examination of Madison Guaranty — the now-failed savings institution owned by the Clintons' former partner in the Whitewater land deal — turned up no mention of Whitewater or the Clintons.

The House hearing opened with fierce partisan attacks as a Republican charged that the Clintons were part of an "Arkansas mafia" that benefited from a financial institution linked to their Whitewater land deal.

The Republican-controlled Senate committee received minute details about comings and goings in the White House and Mr. Clinton's state of mind when he was told of the death of Foster, who was deputy White House counsel.

Ex-presidential counsellor David Gergen described Mr. Clinton as "grief-stricken" when told. Foster's death on July 20, 1993, but presidential counsellor and former White House Chief of Staff Thomas "Mac" McLarty said that, despite their closeness, when Foster's torn-up note was found six days after his death he did

not tell Mr. Clinton about it.

Mr. McLarty, who grew up with Foster and Mr. Clinton, said it was not a typical suicide note and he was perplexed by it. Otherwise, he gave no reason for not telling Mr. Clinton.

"I was perplexed by it and I made the decision not to tell the president," Mr. McLarty said. "It did not seem to me a matter that should be brought to his attention that night until we could review the matter."

Mr. Clinton was told the next day and he agreed to a plan to tell police and then ordered the note turned over to Justice Department and other investigators, Mr. McLarty said.

"It was not meant for the job or the spotlight of public life in Washington," Foster wrote in the undated handwritten note that was found in the bottom of his briefcase. "Here ruining people is considered sport."

Foster was a law partner with Hillary Rodham Clinton in Little Rock and in the White House he kept the Clintons' personal files, tax records and Whitewater investment papers.

Hutus slaughter 58 Tutsis in Burundi

BUJUMBURA (AFP) — A 100-strong Hutu commando used machetes and knives to slaughter 58 displaced Tutsis — 25 of them children — Burundian police said Tuesday as fears grew of reprisal killings and a descent into massive ethnic bloodletting.

The police said the attackers Monday used machetes and knives rather than guns at the Kaburantwa displaced persons camp in north-western Cibitoke province to avoid alerting nearby soldiers of the Tutsi-dominated army.

The assailants killed 18 women and 15 men as well as the children, then fled over the nearby border into Zaire, the police said.

The army accuses Burundian Hutu extremists of cooperating in Zaire with Rwandan Hutus in refugee camps. Some of the Rwandan Hutus were members of the Interahamwe militias which carried out the worst massacres during Rwanda's civil war last year, when more than half-a-million Tutsis, moderate Hutus and their families were slaughtered.

The Rwandans in the camps were reported to be rearming, training, and carrying out cross-border guerrilla raids.

The Kaburantwa camp is one of a number in Burundi which house displaced survivors of ethnic killing in which tens of thousands died following the assassination of Melchior Ndadaye, Burundi's first Hutu president, in October 1993, in a failed coup.

On April 6 last year, Burundi's new Hutu president, Cyprien Ntaryamira, was killed when the plane in which he was travelling with Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana, also a Hutu, was shot down over Kigali by unidentified assailants.

That attack triggered the civil war in Rwanda, which then had the same ethnic mix as Burundi — 85 per cent Hutu and 14 per cent Tutsi.

Burundi's current president, Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, is also a Hutu, but the Tutsis hold the levers of power, especially in the security forces and the judiciary.

The massacre Monday brings down the curtain on a period of uneasy calm in this tiny central African nation which followed a visit in mid-July by U.N. secretary General Boutros Ghali, who appealed for reconciliation.

Before his visit, ethnic killings were estimated to be taking place at the rate of 20 to 40 a week.

Virtually none of the killers are ever arrested or punished.

Locals ready to flee U.S. town as wildfire nears

CABAZON, California (R) — About 2,000 firefighters are trying to contain a raging wildfire as residents of a threatened southern California town prepare to evacuate on a moment's notice, officials said Monday.

The fire, which started accidentally last Friday, has already charred more than 21,000 acres (8,400 hectares) of rugged terrain north of Palm Springs, according to the California Department of Forestry (CDF).

Nine firefighters have already suffered minor in-

juries as a small army of people battle the blaze, equipped with 100 fire engines, 10 helicopters and eight air tankers used to drop fire retardant, Becky Luther, a CDF spokeswoman, said.

The fire, which is about 50 per cent contained, has burned in sparsely inhabited areas until now and has destroyed only a few buildings and several vehicles, officials said. But winds were driving it towards the small town of Morongo Valley and it was only about three miles (five kilometres) away.



PERFECTLY HAPPY COUPLE: A picture of the Duke and Duchess of York locked in an affectionate kiss was Tuesday splashed over the British tabloid press, which suggested it was the embrace of a "perfectly happy couple." The moment that so delighted the tabloids came Monday during a celebrity charity golf tournament at Wentworth Golf Course, south-east England. Asked by a photographer, the Duke and Duchess — Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson — posed together arm in arm, the tabloids recounted. When Prince Andrew left to start his round, his estranged spouse wished him luck and the two exchanged an affectionate kiss. "This is not an engagement picture. We're not getting engaged, you know. We're already married," joked the Duke of York. Sarah, 36, and Andrew, 35, who were wed in 1986, have two daughters Beatrice, 7, and Eugenie, 5. Despite their separation in 1992, the Duke and Duchess have remained close friends showing on several occasions in public a deep affection for each other. The tabloid press has not given up hunting for signs of a possible reconciliation between the two royals (AFP photo)

Iranian woman gets divorce 14 years after she files

TEHRAN (AFP) — An Iranian woman who filed for divorce 14 years ago to escape her husband's beatings finally got her wish this week because of reforms to the country's penal code. The young woman, who was not identified, filed for divorce in 1981, accusing her husband of incessantly beating her to force her into obedience, the Iran daily said, citing chief prosecutor Ayatollah Mortaza Moghtadai. Moghtadai told the daily that the woman, from her husband, which caused her "mental and physical suffering." In a bid to obtain her husband's consent for divorce, a legal requirement in Iran, she pledged before a court in the religious city of Qom, in central Iran, to forsake all the rights she was entitled to from the marriage. However, the woman's revengeful husband demanded a hefty sum from her before he would agree to a divorce, which she could not afford, causing more delay in the case. It was not before a thorough reform was applied to the country's judiciary system two months ago and the intervention of the Supreme Court that the divorce was granted, Moghtadai said. He said a verdict had been issued in her favour forcing the husband to pay, alimony as well as punitive damages for all the years the couple lived together. Under Iranian law, a woman could demand money, assessed by the court, from her husband, in reparation for the work she had done at home while being married.

Judge jails 'bottoms up' artist

LONDON (AFP) — An artist shocked a courtroom here when she yanked up her skirt to display her naked buttocks to a stunned judge just a fortnight after squaring him with green paint. Annalisa Muraglia, 24, "mooned" at Judge Andrew Brooks while appearing at an English court to be sentenced for contempt of court over the paint attack two weeks ago. When the judge subsequently jailed her for 15 months she shouted: "So you don't want to see my bottom again, Wiggly!" Italian-born Muraglia made her move as the judge asked her lawyer Menon Rajiv if she had seen a prison psychiatrist since the paint attack on July 24. Shouting "I don't want to see a doctor," Muraglia spun round and raised her red floral showing her buttocks, across which a message was written, before any of the six dock officers could stop her. Muraglia, of Islington, North London, then screamed: "Don't touch me you perverts." As she was removed from the dock, the judge asked if anyone had seen what was written on her buttocks, but no-one had spotted the message. Rajiv told the court that in December last year his client had been jailed for six months after flashing her bottom, bearing the message "Merry Christmas," at a High Court judge. Sentencing Muraglia, Judge Brooks recalled she had launched the paint attacks after turning up late for a preliminary hearing. She was restrained by court officials and the judge adjourned the case to allow her to purge her contempt. "You have totally failed to avail yourself of the opportunity I gave," he told her. "You have shown no remorse whatsoever."

Housewives of the world unite

BUENOS AIRES (R) — The Argentine capital will host the first world congress of housewives on Oct. 26-29 with the aim of joining forces to fight for quality, fair prices and advertising that does not exploit women, according to its organisers. Argentina's Housewives' League said Sunday it had received acceptances from organisations in Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Russia, Poland, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Peru, India and South Africa. Lita De Lazzari, head of the Argentine League, told the Argentine News Agency (Telam) the congress would call for "respect for our right to healthy products and fair prices, and honest and fair advertising that does not use women as a sex object."

Japan's

NAGASAKI, Japan — The 50th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki was marked Wednesday with a solemn ceremony more discreet and less than those held in Hiroshima last weekend.

At 11:02 a.m., the Nagasaki was attacked by "Fat Man" plutonium bomb on the port on the sea. The city government will ring a memorial bell for the victims of the atomic bombing. However, as in past years, the anniversary has attracted the same level of public interest. Several journalists from many countries covered the memorial service at 60,000 people packed.

Bhutto sat

KARACHI (AFP) — Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto pressed satisfaction over the results of a crackdown on "terrorists" in Pakistan's capital, where three people were killed and 100 injured Tuesday, officials said. A year after her husband was killed by unidentified

Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India — The Kashmiri separatist movement of Paltan, a five Western countries, kidnapped a British tourist Tuesday after a fight with Hindu police. A local shopkeeper stated that four Muslim students of the region were taken to the town of Paltan, who went on the rampage following the kidnapping. Hotel Woodstock, a popular Muslim separatist police station, was up to street battle between Hindu and Kashmiri Muslims.

An independent Arab political daily published in English by the Jordan Press Foundation
 Established 1974
 جوردن تايمز يومية عربية - صحيفة مستقلة - جوردن - بالانجليزية - عن المؤسسة الصحفية الاردنية

The Jordan Times is published daily except Fridays. Subscription and advertising rates are available from the Jordan Times advertising department.

But will the settlers be able to frustrate the Oslo accord and bring down the Rabin government? That is a distinct possibility — and even a probability.

Features

Slowly but steadily, Kobe limps back

By P.V. Vivekanand

MAKESHIFT shelters, mangled steel structures, long, deep cracks on key roads, burnt-out buildings and heavily propped-up bridges mark the skyline of Kobe, bearing witness to the devastating quake that shook Japan's second largest industrial and seafaring hub nearly eight months ago.

The quake not only killed more than 5,000 people and maimed thousands more but also overturned the very way of living in this city of two million people.

Thousands continue to live in prefabricated caravans provided by the authorities, waiting for their turn — which may take years — to go back to proper homes. Many remain in hospitals, undergoing continued treatment for injuries suffered in the quake that struck at 5.45 a.m. on Jan. 17.

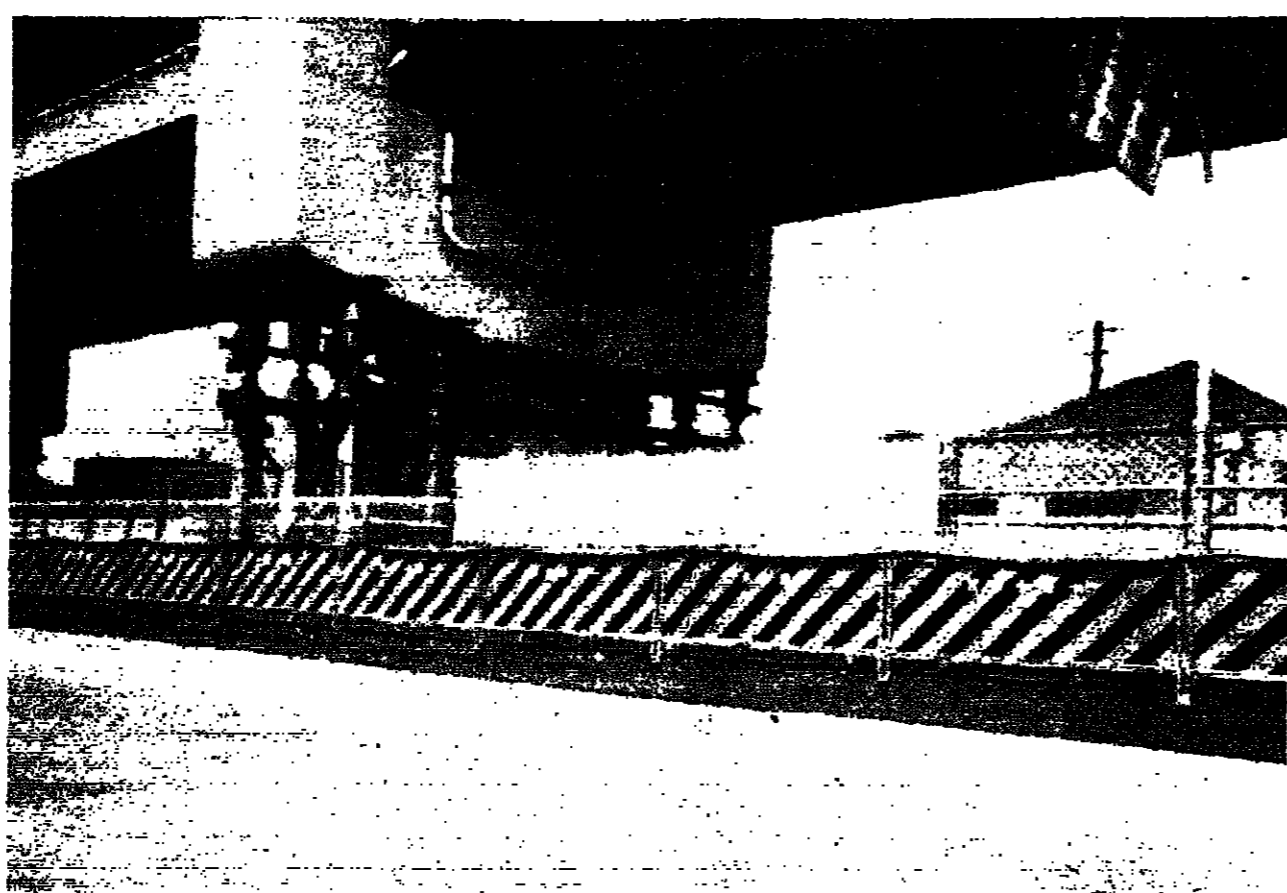
Erected in a park right in front of Shin-Kobe railway station are a few canvas tents — a stark reminder to anyone who steps off the high-speed Bullet train of the blow that the quake struck at the city in central Japan.

A forlorn atmosphere shrouds Kobe, but that could be deceiving as one gets closer to life in the sprawling port city, given the well-known Japanese will to survive and prosper against all odds.

As one drives into the busy town along the main boulevard, clearly visible are the devastation that the quake left behind.

Thick polythene sheets cover many multi-storied buildings, keeping the busy workers perched on scaffolding away from the casual eye.

The sixth floor of an



Steel scaffoldings support a pillar to prop up an overpass in quake-hit Kobe (photo by P.V. Vivekanand)

eight-storey building is completely missing; the seventh floor is sitting right on top of the fifth, having crushed the sixth.

Almost every concrete pillar in the typical superstructure that serves as the key long-haul motor highway 30 metres from the ground has deep grooves around it in Kobe City, exposing the steel skeleton inside. The highway is no longer operative, and the pillars are now surrounded with supporting steel structures, just in case. It could take years before the highway could be declared safe for transport.

At dozens of spots, the elevated road structure, at a lower level than the highway, stops high in the air,

with the next section dozens of metres ahead with nothing between them.

In a housing suburb a couple of kilometres from the city centre, prefabricated houses have mushroomed amid the charred mass of what used to be wooden buildings that were set ablaze by leaking gas pipelines after the quake.

Many of the concrete buildings look undamaged, but residents say they were all declared unsafe because of deep-running cracks in the wall.

Had the quake struck an hour later, residents say, the human loss would have been unmeasurable simply because people would have started on their way to

work.

No accurate estimates are available for the losses that Kobe suffered and is continuing to suffer as direct and indirect results of the quake, which flattened dozens of supposedly quake-proof buildings as well as thousands of traditional cone-shaped wooden homes that are uniquely Japanese.

The tremor also crippled the main port of Kobe, once a key centre for transit cargo in the Far East with perhaps the most modern loading and unloading facilities in the world. Today, a handful of ships dock at the port, instead of the hundreds that used to wait in anchor.

The letters "o" and "p"

are missing from the huge sign that once proudly read "Kobe Port" at the entrance to the port. Most of the massive heavy-duty cranes are bent out of shape.

Cargo hangars on dozens of wharves have been shattered. Windows and roofs have been blown off, but the concrete and steel foundations that run deep into the water appear to have remained unshaken.

Local residents say that most of the traffic that Kobe used to handle is now diverted to other Japanese ports as well as ports in Korea across the Sea of Japan, depriving Kobe of the millions of dollars it used to collect for transit storage. But the local

authorities have kept the facility open, if only to ensure that port workers who represent a large segment of Kobe's population are not deprived of a living.

An amusement park just outside the port has escaped unscathed from the quake, but it no longer hosts anyone simply because the sole elevated access road has been severely damaged.

Despite the gloom and sadness that set in as one takes stock of the devastation the city suffered, life continues as usual in Kobe.

Basement restaurants and shopping malls are crowded, with customers lining up two and three deep outside, many reading books and newspapers while others chatter away. Youngsters and elders alike are busy at "pachinko" parlours — a perennial feature of every Japanese city, town and village — playing pinball machines against deafening disco music. It is no direct gambling since winnings are given out in gift coupons of famous stores. Nonetheless, millions of yen are spent at the machines every day, and the lucky few convert the coupons into cash at the designated stores.

In the meantime, problems are looming for the thousands housed in temporary shelters in schools in Kobe. Many Kobe students missed most of the last scholastic year, and the local authorities are under pressure to reopen the schools on schedule in September.

But where would be the homeless go from the schoolrooms? It is a question that eludes a clear answer. The central government and other local governments have sent a lot of aid to Kobe, but it is not



A key road running parallel to the port split open by the Jan. 17 quake (photo by P.V. Vivekanand)

simply enough to meet the massive need for housing.

Residents of two-room air-conditioned caravans on a long stretch on a side road running parallel to the port also face a similar problem. The compound is privately owned, and the owners feel eight months have been enough of waiting to start commercial building on the land.

In the park near the rail station, many lay sprawled near their tents on the near-

ly-kept lawn, awaiting an uncertain future. However, many are also hopeful that the local authorities would find an answer to their plight sooner or later.

Work has resumed in most of the industries in and around Kobe, another impetus to hopes that normalcy is on its way.

"Kobe is the jewel of Japan," asserts the Japanese escort. "It may be slightly cracked now. But the cracks will be sealed soon

Massive refugee exodus under way

(Continued from page 1)

ports of attacks on refugees.

The refugees exodus followed the three-day Croatian offensive that retook three-quarters of the territory seized by Serb rebels in a 1991 war and formed into a breakaway state called Krajina. There were no estimates of civilian casualties, which were believed to be high.

Croatia's Susak said the offensive ended Monday evening. U.N. officials reported little fighting Tuesday in Krajina, a crescent-shaped stretch of territory hugging northwestern Bosnia.

The United Nations said it brokered a ceasefire Tuesday between the Croatian army and rebel Serbs around Topusko. The agreement would give the refugees in the area safe passage to Serb-held northern Bosnia, said Rita Lepage, a U.N. spokeswoman.

But she said the agreement would not be formally signed until evening. A similar agreement Monday broke down when Croatia reneged on the deal.

But even as the Croats and Serbs planned for peace, witnesses reported a huge column of Bosnian Serb fighters heading towards Croatia's battlefields across the northern Serb-held section of Bosnia.

Charges filed against Abu Marzouk

(Continued from page 1)

years. He has spoken out frequently in support of Hamas, which President Bill Clinton has listed as a "terrorist" organisation.

The complaint unsealed Tuesday blames Hamas for the killings of at least 79 Israeli and foreign civilians and 40 military or security personnel since January 1989, and the injury of an additional 188 civilians and 98 military or security workers. It does not specify how many of those attacks Mr. Abu Marzouk is suspected of having direct involvement.

Specifically, the complaint accuses Mr. Abu Marzouk of transferring \$100,000 in 1989 to Hamas while visiting Gaza to reorganise the group's infrastructure after a series of arrests.

"Thereafter, his activity increased," the complaint said. It said the most significant information against Mr. Abu

Marzouk came from Hamas member Mohammad Al Hamid Khalil Salah, who lived in the United States until he was arrested entering Israel in early 1993.

Mr. Salah has since pleaded guilty to charges arising from Hamas activity and was sentenced to five years in prison, the complaint said.

It said Mr. Abu Marzouk gave another \$100,000 in August 1992 to finance military operations for Hamas and complained that money sent in the past had been diverted to non-military uses.

In Damascus, Hamas called on Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to take to the streets on Friday to demand the release of Mr. Abu Marzouk.

In a statement faxed to Reuters, Hamas urged Palestinians to "denounce" the U.S. authorities' detention of Mr. Abu Marzouk.

Mr. Peres lashed out at the settlers' protests, saying if they wanted to change policy they should do it through parliament.

"I am not coming to negotiations with Arafat with the onus of the settlers," he said. "It is our matter and not theirs."

On Tuesday, settlers blocked 40 roads across Israel during the evening rush hour as part of their campaign to block the spread of Palestinian self-rule, police chief Assaf Hefetz said.

Dozens of settlers were detained when police moved in to drag them away from traffic. Many continued their protest on the roadside.

Among those detained was Moshe Feiglin, head of a radical minority group called "This is our country" which has urged settlers to transform their passive resistance campaign against autonomy into real civil disobedience starting with the road blocks.

The group also called for 30 new settlements to be built on the West Bank as symbols of resistance to Palestinian rule.

Mr. Hefetz earlier warned that police would use force to prevent right-wing militants from paralysing the country.

Israel, PLO agree on timetable

(Continued from page 1)

Jewish settlers in a mosque. It poses problems for negotiators since 450 Jewish settlers live among the town's 110,000 Palestinian residents.

Despite the progress, neither leader would say when they hoped to conclude a deal. Still to be resolved are disputes over sharing of water and electricity and security arrangements for Jewish settlers.

Mr. Peres told Israel Radio Tuesday security was a key issue. "We are not prepared for any compromises on security," he said.

Water promises to be particularly troublesome. The Palestinians want more say over the use of the West Bank's water. Israel wants to keep control until a final agreement is reached, since the area supplies 40 per cent of the water used by Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is also under increasing attack from the right-wing opposition about giving up any of the West Bank Jewish settlers there have been holding almost daily demonstrations against a deal.

Mr. Peres lashed out at the settlers' protests, saying if they wanted to change policy they should do it through parliament.

"I am not coming to negotiations with Arafat with the onus of the settlers," he said. "It is our matter and not theirs."

On Tuesday, settlers blocked 40 roads across Israel during the evening rush hour as part of their campaign to block the spread of Palestinian self-rule, police chief Assaf Hefetz said.

Dozens of settlers were detained when police moved in to drag them away from traffic. Many continued their protest on the roadside.

Among those detained was Moshe Feiglin, head of a radical minority group called "This is our country" which has urged settlers to transform their passive resistance campaign against autonomy into real civil disobedience starting with the road blocks.

The group also called for 30 new settlements to be built on the West Bank as symbols of resistance to Palestinian rule.

Mr. Hefetz earlier warned that police would use force to prevent right-wing militants from paralysing the country.

Israel, PLO agree on timetable

(Continued from page 1)

Jewish settlers in a mosque. It poses problems for negotiators since 450 Jewish settlers live among the town's 110,000 Palestinian residents.

Despite the progress, neither leader would say when they hoped to conclude a deal. Still to be resolved are disputes over sharing of water and electricity and security arrangements for Jewish settlers.

Mr. Peres told Israel Radio Tuesday security was a key issue. "We are not prepared for any compromises on security," he said.

Water promises to be particularly troublesome. The Palestinians want more say over the use of the West Bank's water. Israel wants to keep control until a final agreement is reached, since the area supplies 40 per cent of the water used by Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is also under increasing attack from the right-wing opposition about giving up any of the West Bank Jewish settlers there have been holding almost daily demonstrations against a deal.

Mr. Peres lashed out at the settlers' protests, saying if they wanted to change policy they should do it through parliament.

"I am not coming to negotiations with Arafat with the onus of the settlers," he said. "It is our matter and not theirs."

On Tuesday, settlers blocked 40 roads across Israel during the evening rush hour as part of their campaign to block the spread of Palestinian self-rule, police chief Assaf Hefetz said.

Dozens of settlers were detained when police moved in to drag them away from traffic. Many continued their protest on the roadside.

Among those detained was Moshe Feiglin, head of a radical minority group called "This is our country" which has urged settlers to transform their passive resistance campaign against autonomy into real civil disobedience starting with the road blocks.

The group also called for 30 new settlements to be built on the West Bank as symbols of resistance to Palestinian rule.

Mr. Hefetz earlier warned that police would use force to prevent right-wing militants from paralysing the country.

Israel, PLO agree on timetable

(Continued from page 1)

Jewish settlers in a mosque. It poses problems for negotiators since 450 Jewish settlers live among the town's 110,000 Palestinian residents.

Despite the progress, neither leader would say when they hoped to conclude a deal. Still to be resolved are disputes over sharing of water and electricity and security arrangements for Jewish settlers.

Mr. Peres told Israel Radio Tuesday security was a key issue. "We are not prepared for any compromises on security," he said.

Water promises to be particularly troublesome. The Palestinians want more say over the use of the West Bank's water. Israel wants to keep control until a final agreement is reached, since the area supplies 40 per cent of the water used by Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is also under increasing attack from the right-wing opposition about giving up any of the West Bank Jewish settlers there have been holding almost daily demonstrations against a deal.

Mr. Peres lashed out at the settlers' protests, saying if they wanted to change policy they should do it through parliament.

"I am not coming to negotiations with Arafat with the onus of the settlers," he said. "It is our matter and not theirs."

On Tuesday, settlers blocked 40 roads across Israel during the evening rush hour as part of their campaign to block the spread of Palestinian self-rule, police chief Assaf Hefetz said.

Dozens of settlers were detained when police moved in to drag them away from traffic. Many continued their protest on the roadside.

Among those detained was Moshe Feiglin, head of a radical minority group called "This is our country" which has urged settlers to transform their passive resistance campaign against autonomy into real civil disobedience starting with the road blocks.

The group also called for 30 new settlements to be built on the West Bank as symbols of resistance to Palestinian rule.

Mr. Hefetz earlier warned that police would use force to prevent right-wing militants from paralysing the country.

Israel, PLO agree on timetable

(Continued from page 1)

Jewish settlers in a mosque. It poses problems for negotiators since 450 Jewish settlers live among the town's 110,000 Palestinian residents.

Despite the progress, neither leader would say when they hoped to conclude a deal. Still to be resolved are disputes over sharing of water and electricity and security arrangements for Jewish settlers.

Mr. Peres told Israel Radio Tuesday security was a key issue. "We are not prepared for any compromises on security," he said.

Water promises to be particularly troublesome. The Palestinians want more say over the use of the West Bank's water. Israel wants to keep control until a final agreement is reached, since the area supplies 40 per cent of the water used by Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is also under increasing attack from the right-wing opposition about giving up any of the West Bank Jewish settlers there have been holding almost daily demonstrations against a deal.

Mr. Peres lashed out at the settlers' protests, saying if they wanted to change policy they should do it through parliament.

"I am not coming to negotiations with Arafat with the onus of the settlers," he said. "It is our matter and not theirs."

On Tuesday, settlers blocked 40 roads across Israel during the evening rush hour as part of their campaign to block the spread of Palestinian self-rule, police chief Assaf Hefetz said.

Dozens of settlers were detained when police moved in to drag them away from traffic. Many continued their protest on the roadside.

Among those detained was Moshe Feiglin, head of a radical minority group called "This is our country" which has urged settlers to transform their passive resistance campaign against autonomy into real civil disobedience starting with the road blocks.

The group also called for 30 new settlements to be built on the West Bank as symbols of resistance to Palestinian rule.

Mr. Hefetz earlier warned that police would use force to prevent right-wing militants from paralysing the country.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Judge renews Carlos detention order

PARIS (AFP) — A judge on Tuesday renewed the detention order keeping Carlos the Jackal in jail, 12 months after it was originally issued, judicial officials said Tuesday. Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, alias Carlos, was arrested on Aug. 15 last year in Khartoum, and extradited to Paris to stand trial on a number of terrorist attacks in the 1980s. His official detention order was issued the following day by Magistrate Jean-Louis Bruguiere. It was renewed on Tuesday, a week ahead of its formal expiration, by Judge Jean-Francois Ricard. He was originally charged and held in connection with the April 1982 Rue Marbeuf bombing outside an Arab newspaper office which killed one person and injured 63. Over the last year Carlos, the world's most wanted man before his arrest last year, has been formally charged in connection with a number of other attacks which left a dozen people dead in all. He had already been convicted and jailed for life in absentia in 1992 for the 1975 killing of two French policemen. Under French criminal law, a suspect can be detained for up to a year after which a new detention order is required.

Imam given new expulsion order in France

MONTBELIARD, France (AFP) — A hardline Turkish imam was jailed for two months Tuesday and banned from French soil for three years after defying a previous expulsion order from France, judicial sources said. Kasim Unal, formerly the imam of the mosque at Sochaux, eastern France, was arrested last month after sneaking back into the country in breach of an expulsion order issued a year ago. In the new case prosecutors had urged that he be jailed for three to five years and banned from France for three years. Unal, whose real name is Abdul Rahman Ciftcioglu, was expelled to Turkey last August for making "public threats... calling for a violent act against" the incumbent Turkish prime minister, Tansu Ciller. He was held in prison for several months by Turkish authorities before being released and permitted to leave Turkey.

5,000 arrested in Libya since June clashes

CAIRO (AFP) — Five thousand people have been arrested in Libya since clashes that broke out in June between Islamists and police in the northeast city of Benghazi, the Arab daily Ash-Sharq Al Awsat reported on Tuesday. The paper cited "well-informed" Libyan sources but did not specify the affiliation of the arrested nor where the arrests occurred. Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Qadhafi is on a tour of the Burqa region, east of Tripoli on the Mediterranean coast, which he started several days ago with a visit to Benghazi, the paper said. Troubles broke out in June when police launched a series of raids against suspected Islamists in and around Benghazi. Western diplomats in Tripoli said. The Arab daily Al Hayat said on July 11 that four policemen and three Muslim fundamentalists were killed in the incidents. In late July, Colonel Qadhafi stepped up his verbal attacks on Islamists, calling them the "shame of Arab nationalism" and an example of the "failure and loss" of the Arab nation.

Militiamen stage manoeuvres in Tehran

TEHRAN (AFP) — Thousands of volunteer Islamic militiamen began urban warfare exercises in southwestern Tehran on Tuesday, newspapers reported here. The six-day manoeuvres are being staged in the districts of Karaj, Savosbolagh, Robat-Karim and Shahriar, the last two being the scene of violent riots in early April which left several people dead and dozens injured. The war games, organised by the elite force the Revolutionary Guards, are aimed at displaying the militia force's ability to "ensure law and order," the newspapers said. The volunteers are grouped in the elite anti-riot "Ashura Brigades," which were created in 1993 after riots hit several Iranian cities,

Shetreet: Jews should be allowed to pray

(Continued from page 1)

"We have never dealt with the Israeli religious ministry since the occupation began and we will not."

"Al Aqsa is an Islamic mosque by virtue of God and not by virtue of human beings," Mr. Hussein said.

The Israeli supreme court ordered police to allow groups of Jews to enter the compound on Sunday.

But the court gave police the right to seal off the area if they feared "uncontrollable disturbances."

Iraqi economy in wretched shape, Germans say

Iraq's western debts, including interest, are estimated at about \$60 billion, Mr. Jungen said. Iraq apparently faces some \$100 billion in reparations claims.

Debt and reparation payments will bite into the income Iraq earns from its reduced oil capacity, he said.

Germany was Iraq's biggest non-military trade partner in Europe before the war, with about \$2.5 billion in trade annually.

U.S. consumer gets mixed signals, advice

Part of the explanation is that the United States has a relatively strong safety net for its citizens, including social security and the medicare health system — but this is only a small part of the story.

In many ways, the American tax system rewards consumption and penalises savings — exactly the opposite of the approach taken by many countries overseas.

analysts say.

The United States has no

War fires cost Kuwait 1b barrels of oil — U.S. embassy

projects," the report.

Kuwait plans to spend \$1.5 billion to raise capacity to 3.5 million barrels per day (b/d) by the year 3005 from almost 2.5 million at present, among other projects. It has an Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries allocation of 2.0 million b/d.

Oilmen are examining ways of developing wells with foreigners' capital and technical expertise in return for some form of participation. But diplomats say slow decision-making on some construction contracts could delay expansion.

Singapore turns 30, braces itself for more competition

While outside critics scoff at Singapore's centralised political systems and tough laws, the government says these have ensured rapid progress and kept the multi-racial society intact for the past three decades.

Nigeria wages war on 'ghost' workers

And the Kaduna state government, in northern Nigeria, announced this week that it had discovered about 4,000 "ghost" secondary school teachers. The state only has about 8,000 secondary school teachers.

In the eastern state of Enugu, more than 1,000 workers face sacking because they are either medically unfit or have been found to have defrauded the government some by receiving pay in two different ministries of the state government.

THE Daily Crossword by CF Murray

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14					15						16			
17					18						19			
20				21				22	23					
			24				25							
26	27	28				29					30	31	32	
33					34						35			
36					37						38			
39				40						41				
42			43					44						
			45					46						
47	48	49					50					51	52	53
54					55	56					57			
58					59						60			
61					62						63			

Puzzle solved:

C	H	A	R	S		C	I	S	T		O	V	A	L		
R	O	B	O	T		E	R	I	E		D	A	L	E		
A	L	L	O	Y		C	O	P	E		E	L	L	A		
M	E	E	T	M	E	I	N	S	T		L	O	U	I	S	
						I	L	L			H	O	N	E	S	
C	A	R	P	E	T		F	E	D							
A	G	U	A			O	D	E	A		G	U	M	B	O	
S	I	N	G	I	N		I	N		T	H	E	R	A	I	N
T	O	T	E	R		M	E	S	A		S	I	T	E		
						I	T	S			T	R	A	D	E	R
I	M	P	O	S	E		A	R	E	A						
N	A	U	G	H	T	Y	M	A	R	I	E	T	T	A		
C	U	T	E			H	A	U	L		E	D	R	A	I	N
A	N	T	E			E	L	S	E		E	D	I	C	T	
N	A	Y	S			R	U	E	S		R	A	N	K	S	

43 Prediction	49 Israeli airline
44 Tableware	50 — shark
46 Flat finish	51 Ice skating feat
47 Heat measures: abbr.	52 Grain grinder
48 — avis	53 Corrodes
	56 One — kind

THE BETTER HALF. By Glasbergen

©1991. Created by long-haired Glasbergen Inc. All rights reserved.

GLASBERGEN

"My dog is 2 years old. That's 14 in dog years. How come teenage dogs don't get pimples?"

Peanuts

ARE YOU SURE?
ARE YOU POSITIVE?

OKAY, YOU WERE RIGHT.. I WAS FACING THE WRONG WAY..

A cartoon by Finkel. A man wearing a hat and a woman are looking at each other. The man has just said, "OKAY, YOU WERE RIGHT.. I WAS FACING THE WRONG WAY..". The woman is looking at him with a slightly skeptical or amused expression. The man's hat has some text on it, but it's not clearly legible. The signature "Finkel" is on the right side of the drawing.

Andy Capp

© 1995 NEA
 DIST. BY COMICS
 AND NEA SYNDICATE

WAKING LATE - YOU MAKE OWN BREAKFAST?

CERTAINLY, PET

Coverly

I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR THE WORKERS EXCEPT BE ONE

Mutt'n Jeff

POPULATION EXPLOSION ON INCREASE



By Eugene R. Stebbins

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1995

By Thomas S. Pierson,
Astrologer, Carroll Wright
Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You are wisely focusing on financial and property matters and can add to personal assets. Relieve tensions by being ethical.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Others may oppose your personal aims but be diplomatic. Outsiders could give you trouble, but your mate can make you happy.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Plan today how to replace difficult newcomers to gain more tranquility and avoid any schemes be perpetrated on you.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Get busy today at whatever is of a practical nature and forget emotional desires which could bring you trouble. Be charming.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Changes may take place today where your career is concerned, but this will be for the best. Look for more fascinating interests.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Some long-time partner could take leave of you today, but other associates soon come into your life for greater progress.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Charming an important person in the outside world is wise today, but avoid problematical affairs of a practical nature.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Try not to have an altercation today with one who does not agree with ideas you have, and then fellow associates will be cooperative.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21). Rid yourself today of antiquated ideas and systems and get your existence on a more streamlined basis.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Steer clear of that extravagance today where entertainment is concerned and be happy within your family circle.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Doing something today which others will not like at home could bring trouble for you. Do some visiting of friends.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Much care in motion and in speech should be exercised today. Look about you tonight, and see

Birthstone of August: Peridot — Golden Quartz

Corporate
to superv
control fo
nearly re
for launc

DAJANI'S Unique gold & gems jewelry.

Papin denies Milan match-fixing allegations

PARIS (R) — French international striker Jean-Pierre Papin firmly denied Tuesday having said that Marseille had bribed two AC Milan players in order to win their first European Cup.

"There's nothing to confirm because it's all been made up," Papin told French radio RMC. "It's manipulation."

In Geneva, the European soccer ruling body UEFA said Papin might be summoned to explain the allegations but only if it was confirmed he made them. "For us so far these are just rumours. It is not confirmed Papin has said that," a UEFA spokeswoman said.

"If it is true that Papin has said that then we will ask him to appear in front of the (UEFA) disciplinary committee, to say it again

in front of the committee and to give proofs," she added.

Former Marseille striker Papin, who played in the final for Milan, was reported in Italian newspapers as saying that two Milan players took bribes to rig the 1993 final, won 1-0 by the French club.

"I had a friendly conversation with journalists and I told them there were rumours in Marseille about the final but I did not give names," Papin told RMC.

Papin's eye-opened "quotes" were splashed across the front pages of the main Italian sports newspapers.

Shocked French soccer chiefs said UEFA should summon Papin and demand evidence to back the allegations against Marseille, whose fortunes collapsed in a French match-

rigging scandal shortly after their 1-0 win over Milan in 1993.

"Allegations are one thing, evidence is another," said Claude Simonet, head of the French Football Federation.

"I believe UEFA cannot be satisfied with allegations and has to open a probe," he said in a radio interview.

The UEFA spokeswoman said the organisation had not yet launched an official investigation into the latest accusations. It was still just collecting information about them.

Marseille's former director general Jean-Pierre Bernes, who has in the past accused the club's flamboyant former president Bernard Tapie of widespread rigging, said the allegations reported in the Italian papers were "rubbish."

"It's completely ridiculous," Bernes told Reuters. "You don't buy a European Cup final. Those so-called quotes are total nonsense."

Marseille were banned from European competition and relegated to the second division after being accused of rigging a French league game against Valenciennes shortly before the 1993 European Cup final. Tapie is fighting a two-year jail sentence with one year suspended for corruption over that scandal, in which Bernes admitted playing a key role.

Veteran Marseille player Jean-Philippe Durand, who played against AC Milan in the final in Munich, rejected allegations that the match had been fixed.

"Papin doesn't know what he's saying and it's

sad to hear him talk like that," he told Reuters. "I was part of that great European adventure and I can tell you that the match was very tough. Never did the Milan players act in a way which might have suggested that they had been bought."

UEFA President Lennart Johansson said last month that UEFA was referring other new bribery allegations against Marseille to the French Football Federation.

According to newspaper reporters, the allegations arose from police investigations into fraud at the club.

Bernes is reported to have told investigators that Marseille paid a bribe to secure a draw against AEK Athens in November 1989, an allegation that has been rejected by the Greek club.

NBC to pay \$1.27 billion for Olympics TV rights

NEW YORK (R) — NBC agreed on Monday to pay a stunning \$1.27 billion for U.S. television rights to the Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000 and the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002.

The deal, put together in under a week as a pre-emptive, take-it-or-leave-it proposition to the International Olympic Committee and the two national organising groups, shuts out Fox television and other U.S. networks without hope of a counterbid.

NBC next year will broadcast in the United States the 1996 Summer Games from Atlanta.

Network president Robert Wright said his company would not have paid \$715 million for the Australian events and \$555 million for the U.S. games separately, but believed the two together constituted a profitable package.

By contrast, NBC agreed

during 1993 bidding among all the U.S. networks to pay \$454 million for the U.S. rights to the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Those games are expected to draw unusually strong U.S. audiences.

Wright told reporters after announcing the deal that NBC had sold more than 80 per cent of its advertising slots for the 1996 Olympics and had grossed over \$600 million so far.

NBC is owned by General Electric Corp.

Wright and Olympic officials said a key demand from the Olympic committee was that U.S. television coverage involve additional distribution on cable channels beyond the roughly 100 hours usually earned on a broadcast network.

NBC, Wright said, will carry extensive coverage during both the Sydney and Utah Games on its CNBC and America's talking cable services. NBC also agreed to

carry a weekly programme on the Olympics for four years beginning in 1996.

Olympic officials said the \$1.27 billion was much higher than either the Sydney or Utah organisers expected from the rights sale.

Fox, the U.S. network owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp Ltd., had been expected to be a strong bidder for the Sydney Olympics during competition among the four leading U.S. networks that had been expected to begin next month.

Murdoch shook off U.S. television two years ago by outbidding CBS Inc. For national football league game rights, a move that strengthened the Fox network.

Murdoch said in a May interview with the Times of London that the Fox coverage would have included pay-per-view cable programming, but NBC said all its coverage would be on terrestrial television of basic cable channels.

Bayern could face FIFA rule over Klinsmann move

LONDON (R) — Bayern Munich could face disciplinary action for making an illegal approach to Joergen Klinsmann while he was playing for Tottenham Hotspur.

World governing body FIFA told the English Football Association (F.A.) on Monday that the German club had infringed their regulations regarding transfers and said they had referred the matter to their disciplinary committee for further deliberation.

But Bayern did receive FIFA backing in a dispute with Spurs over the transfer fee. FIFA said they had to pay only \$2 million to the English Premier League club for World Cup striker Klinsmann.

Klinsmann's decision to return to Germany after one season with the London club angered Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar, but FIFA ruled that the player was perfectly within his rights to leave Tottenham after only one year because of an "escape" clause in his two-year contract.

They revealed that Klinsmann's contract with Tottenham contained a provision that they would be willing to release him any time after the first year (June 30, 1995) on condition that they received a transfer fee of 22 million.

FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said in a statement released by the F.A.: "The wording of this contract clearly contradicts Tottenham Hotspur's own argumentation it has, therefore, to be admitted that it was really the intention of the parties to fix the compensation in advance."

Blatter added: "It was Tottenham's own fault that they included such provision in the employment contract they had signed with the player, whatever the reasons for such a step would have been."

While FIFA are considering disciplinary action against Bayern, they have completely exonerated Klinsmann of any blame.

The statement added: "No reproach can be made against the player as to his behaviour in this case and no disciplinary steps may be taken against him."

Police plan against hooligans at European Championships

LONDON (APP) — Police outlined plans which will help prevent soccer hooliganism from ruining next summer's European Championships.

Intelligence gathering will play a key role, as will a hooligan hotline to encourage genuine fans to supply information, in confidence, on thugs.

Police forces from countries whose national teams qualify will be invited to send "spotters" — officers who will point out known foreign troublemakers.

And intelligence officers up and down the country are co-ordinating efforts to snare the principal organisers of the violence.

The launch of the hotline was warmly welcomed by Home Secretary Michael Howard. Referring to the violence which forced the abandonment of February's England v Republic of Ireland friendly in Dublin, he said: "Following the incidents of disorder last season it is important that the game receives coverage for all the right reasons."

"Genuine fans can help to make this possible and I urge

them to do so by making use of the hotline."

The National Criminal Intelligence Service, which is co-ordinating police efforts at the championships, said that 18 months of planning involving the Football Association, Home Office, Foreign Office, the Association of Chief Police Officers and individual police forces had already been undertaken.

Detective Superintendent Larry Covington, head of NCIS's strategic and specialist intelligence branch, said foreign liaison was an important branch of the organisation.

"We are already in liaison with foreign law enforcement officers to ensure we have good information for those hooligans from foreign countries, some of which have similar problems to the U.K.," he said.

Each of the 15 qualifying nations would be invited to send officers with specialist knowledge of their own country's hooligans, to help British police identify potential troublemakers.

Detective Inspector Peter

Chapman, head of NCIS's football unit, said he had a database containing the names of 6,000 suspects, including up to 400 "main organisers."

DS Covington said: "The kingpins don't tend to get their hands dirty, so you need to gather information and evidence against them and that is being done."

NCIS's hooligan hotline is designed to allow genuine fans to help combat the problem by passing to the police information on hooligan activity in confidence.

And a poster was launched to promote it — comparing a picture of an orderly football crowd from earlier in the century with another of a modern day mob involved in a punch up.

DS Covington said: "There is no reason why the championships should not be extremely successful. We are determined that they are going to be. We want to make sure the U.K. is put firmly back on the map as far as being a really good place to watch football is concerned."

Global visitors test Games' venues

ATLANTA (Agencies) — The world is gathering here a year early.

This week marks the most hectic period of pre-Olympic sporting events at 1996 Atlanta Summer Games venues, with 13,000 competitors playing in eight international events designed to test facilities, personnel and planning.

"The eyes of the world will be here," Olympic organising committee president Billy Payne said. "The world will be impressed."

The Pan Pacific Swim Championships and World Freestyle Wrestling Championships highlight the busy week, with other special competitions in badminton, table tennis, modern pentathlon and team handball.

A new \$17 million aquatic centre, gets its sternest test when 300 swimmers from 33 nations converge for the bi-annual PanPacs, typically dominated by the United States and Australia.

Japan, Canada and New Zealand will be factors in several events, with Kiwi

Olympic silver medalist Danyon Loader likely to shine.

Australia's Kieren Perkins, the reigning Olympic 1,500-metre freestyle champion, figures to own the men's distance events.

"I don't even try to beat Perkins. He's too good," U.S. 1,500 champion Carlton Bruner said. "American distance swimming is not very good. I don't know how those guys (from Australia) do it."

Chinese swimmers were banned from the PanPac meet for numerous drug test positives in the past four years. But Chinese table tennis players are favourites along with South Korea, which joins a handful of European contenders in quest of the handball invitational crown.

Wrestling provides the only world finals among the tuneups, with Russia, Iran, Turkey, South Korea and Cuba and the hosts among the favourites.

Indonesian star Susi Susanti will miss the badminton invitational with an injury, organisers said. But her homeland provides some of

the sport's top players.

The weekend concludes with single day events for weightlifters and modern pentathletes. The Georgia International Horse Park will also receive its first test with the pentathlon competition.

The Olympic tuneups continue here in September with water polo, diving and canoe-Kayak events. Cycling and gymnastics previews will complete the year, with archery and shooting venues hosting invitational in April and the Olympic athletes track getting its first test next May.

'Hotel rooms in Atlanta already are tough to find'

For many visitors, each day at the Atlanta Olympics will start with a personal marathon of 160 kilometres from Chattanooga, Tennessee, or 240 kilometres from Birmingham, Alabama.

There is a year to go before the Summer Games and it's already an Olympic challenge to find a hotel room within two hours of Atlanta.

Fastlink

ANYTIME ANYWHERE ANYONE

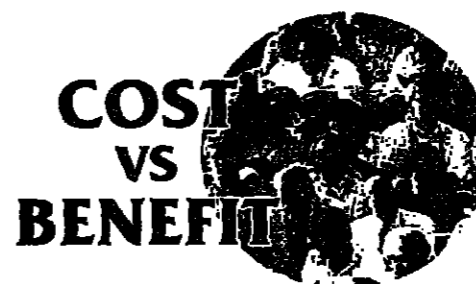


24 HRS.

IN OUR FAST MOVING WORLD, TIME IS PRECIOUS. WITH FASTLINK MOBILE SERVICES YOU ARE CONSTANTLY IN TOUCH AT ANYTIME. NO MORE WASTED TIME.



NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE WITHIN THE COVERAGE AREA BE IT IN YOUR CAR, AT A RESTAURANT, OR ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE, YOU WILL NOT MISS THAT IMPORTANT CALL.



TRUE, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT, FASTLINK MAKES YOU APPRECIATE IT EVEN MORE. YOU ARE AS CLOSE TO YOUR OFFICE, YOUR CLINIC, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR FRIENDS AS YOUR FINGERTIPS ARE TO THE PHONE BUTTONS. LINK UP WITH FASTLINK.



- The Service will be in operation soon.
- You may use any GSM cellular phone, but Fastlink is the only company that provides the cellular service.



Fastlink

Jordan Mobile Telephone Services

GSM

Now, you're talking

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT TEL.: 863750 FAX.: 863770

Iraq demands planes in return for peace with Iran

Ekeus must finish his probe into germ warfare this month — Baghdad

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein called Tuesday for a durable peace with Iran but urged it to return all prisoners from the 1980-1988 war as well as aircraft sheltered there during the U.S.-led Gulf war in 1991.

In a speech marking the end of Iraq's eight-year war with Iran, President Saddam said "we mistakenly believed" Tehran would return the 148 aircraft because it had also been in conflict with the United States.

"If it wants (good) relations with Iraq, Iran must return Iraq's possessions," he said over state radio and television.

He also demanded Iran return all Iraqi soldiers taken prisoners during the war. "Our prisoners of war are still suffering and moaning in Iranian prisons."

President Saddam renewed calls for peace with Iran even though he said it had ignored a total of 215 peace initiatives from Baghdad.

Iraq celebrates Aug. 8, 1988 as the day of victory over Iran.

The two countries have never signed a peace treaty, although they implemented a ceasefire in Aug. 20, 1988 and restored diplomatic ties on Sept. 10, 1990 when Iraq faced a U.S.-led military buildup over its invasion of Kuwait.

Ties between Tehran and Baghdad were broken in October 1987.

President Saddam said he refused to make concessions on Iraq's main demands even though Tehran believed Iraq was vulnerable because of the U.N. economic sanctions imposed after the August 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"We have told the Iranians who mistakenly believed that conditions could force us into accepting compromise at the expense of our principles," he said.

Iraq said it flew 115 military and 33 civilian aircraft to escape U.S.-led bombing in 1991, but Iraq claims to have sheltered only 22 planes and has offered to return them if the United Nations issues a



Saddam Hussein

request for them.

Baghdad, backed by international groups, also accuses Tehran of holding around 20,000 Iraqi soldiers, but Iran denies this. Tehran meanwhile said 15,000 Iraqis were in Iraqi jails or unaccounted for in Iraq.

Baghdad denied the claim, saying it has already freed 39,044 Iraqis under the supervision of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

"We have repatriated Iraq's prisoners of war (PoWs) as a gesture of goodwill without any bargaining just to open up peace prospects between our country, its people and Iran," President Saddam said.

President Saddam said Iraqi ground forces fought 282 battles, or one every 10 days throughout the eight-year war, and deployed a total of 8,495 tanks, 11,939 armoured vehicles, 4,659 artillery of all kinds, and 5,859 mortars.

It also deployed 740 aircraft, 808 helicopters, and 57 naval units, including boats, landing vessels, hovercraft, anti-submarine vessels and minisubmersibles.

Full-scale war began on Sept. 22, 1980 when Iraqi forces entered Iran, more than a year after the Shiite Muslim revolution in Tehran, and ended eight years later in virtual stalemate.

Meanwhile, Iraq has told the U.N.'s chief arms control envoy that the United Nations must finish its investiga-

tion of Iraq's past germ warfare activities by the end of August, a spokesman said in remarks published on Tuesday.

The spokesman for the Culture and Information Ministry said Iraq had made clear to the envoy, Rolf Ekeus, during his latest visit to Baghdad that it was standing by its deadline.

Rolf Ekeus... was clearly and frankly told during his meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz on Saturday that he will have to close the biological file by the end of August," state-controlled newspapers quoted the spokesman as saying.

Mr. Ekeus, head of the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) charged with dismantling Iraq under the 1991 Gulf war ceasefire terms, visited Baghdad from Aug. 4-6.

In a news conference before leaving, he said he did not touch on the Iraqi deadline during his talks in Baghdad.

"This statement is inaccurate," the spokesman said, adding that Mr. Ekeus was told to inform the U.N. Security Council that Iraq had honoured obligations linked to renewal of U.N. curbs in its oil exports.

Iraq gave Mr. Ekeus a 530-page document on its past biological activities. He initially described the report as "full, final and complete" but said he needed time to verify its contents.

Later, he said that after the first scrutiny his experts found that the report might not be thoroughly complete.

The newspapers said Mr. Aziz informed Iraqi leaders in a meeting chaired by President Saddam late on Monday that he had communicated to Mr. Ekeus Iraq's "obvious and decisive stand vis-a-vis relations with UNSCOM and the Security Council."

The remarks by Mr. Ekeus when he wound up his visit on Sunday suggested it was unlikely he would finish his mission by the end of August.

(Continued on page 7)



JUBILATION: Croatian soldiers rip a Serbian flag in Petrinja on Monday after they recaptured the important

garrison city from rebel Serbs after four years of occupation (AFP photo)

NEWS IN BRIEF

King visits Prime Ministry

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday visited the Prime Ministry where he met for a while with Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker. The meeting was attended by His Royal Highness Prince Hamzah Ben Al Hussein and Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem.

Sharif Zeid on private visit abroad

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker left Amman Tuesday on a two-day private visit abroad, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said. It did not say where Sharif Zeid was going.

Bridge to close for 2 days

AMMAN (Petra) — The King Hussein Bridge on the River Jordan will be closed for traffic for two days as of Friday 11:00 a.m. for maintenance work, the Public Security Department said. The bridge will resume traffic as of Sunday morning Aug. 13.

Iran extends warplanes' range

NICOSIA (AP) — Iranian engineers have extended the range of the Islamic republic's MIG-29 fighter jets by equipping them with in-flight refuelling capabilities for the first time, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported Tuesday. The system will turn the twin-engine fighter jet "into a warplane able to carry out multipurpose offensive and strategic missions," according to the state-run agency. It added that the automatic refuelling system will also increase the duration of reconnaissance flights and diminish the need to have air bases near Iran's borders that could be vulnerable to hostile action. Iran has two MIG-29 squadrons with 30 fighters, including four Iraqi MIG-29s flown to Iran during the 1991 Gulf war and not returned. The air force has another 13 squadrons of U.S., Russian and Chinese fighter and ground attack aircraft, according to the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies. Iran's efforts to enhance its military power have caused concern among U.S. military strategists, who fear a threat to Washington's oil-rich allies in the region.

Tough rules on weddings in Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) — Police have imposed strict new regulations on weddings in Tehran to ensure they conform with Islamic standards, newspapers reported here Tuesday. They said police had issued a statement banning a range of activities traditionally associated with wedding ceremonies in Iran. Under the new measures, male and female guests must be separated and the groom is not allowed to visit rooms occupied by women. The bride must keep fully covered while moving about during the ceremony. Music bands are not to be hired and any singer invited must be approved by the ministry of culture and Islamic guidance, according to the statement. Males are not allowed to serve in the women's section and photographers can only take pictures of guests of the same sex. Any wedding procession in the streets must be kept low-key and the car carrying the newly-weds should not be elaborately decorated. Previous regulations have been widely defied despite close police surveillance.

Tehran rules out legalising party

TEHRAN (AFP) — The Interior Ministry on Tuesday ruled out any chance of legalising a pro-democracy opposition movement in Iran, but said the government would continue to tolerate the group. The Liberation Movement of Iran (LMI) would be allowed to continue playing an informal political role despite its "open criticism of Iranian leaders in foreign media," said Assadollah Badamchian, a member of a ministry commission in charge of political activities. Individual LMI members could run as candidates in the March 8 legislative elections, provided they pass thorough scrutiny by a supervisory council, he said in a press conference. Mr. Badamchian is one of five members of the ministry's Commission of the Article 10 on Parties, dominated by Islamic conservatives, which issues or revokes licences for parties or other groups to engage in political activities. Mr. Badamchian said the LMI, headed by former Foreign Minister Ebrahim Yazdi, had been flatly denied formal political activities by the judiciary, although the group has appealed the decision. Last week, 122 liberal political figures belonging or close to the LMI signed a letter protesting extra powers granted by parliament to the Council of Guardians to oversee elections.

Arafat meets Palestinian dissidents

NABLUS (AFP) — Five dissidents from a Palestinian group opposed to autonomy have held reconciliation talks with Yasser Arafat, one of the men said Tuesday. The five are from Ahmad Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command (PFLP-GC) which is fighting on against Israeli occupation and the self-rule deal. The dissidents said they asked Mr. Arafat to allow 100 PFLP-GC people to return to the Gaza Strip and hold an annual convention to oust Mr. Jibril as leader. "We told Mr. Arafat that we want to join the Palestinian Authority and take part in the reconstruction of our homeland," Salim Abu Al Saud told AFP. "The president of the Palestinian Authority promised to examine our request," said Mr. Abu Al Saud, from the occupied West Bank town of Nablus. Mr. Jibril, who called for Mr. Arafat to be killed after the signing of the declaration of principles for autonomy with Israel in 1993, has his headquarters in Damascus along with nine other Palestinian opposition groups.

Algerian journalist tortured and killed

ALGIERS (AFP) — An Algerian journalist kidnapped a week ago has been found murdered, the reporter's employer said Tuesday.

Aicha Benamar, 36, was killed near her home in Saoula, 20 kilometres south of Algiers, the weekly newspaper Hebdo Libere said.

Benamar, on leave from the newspaper, was abducted on Aug. 1 and tortured by attackers who then cut her throat, the paper said, adding that her body was identified on Tuesday.

No details were available on the exact details of the murder, or on who carried it out.

The Armed Islamic Group (GIA) claimed responsibility for an attack on the headquarters of Hebdo Libere, in the centre of Algiers, in March 1994, in which three people, including a photographer, were killed and two injured.

Benamar's death brings to 37 the number of journalists assassinated in Algeria since 1993.

Most recently, an armed group on June 18 kidnapped and cut the throat of journalist Hakim Takouchet, who worked for a regional television station in eastern Algeria.

The whereabouts of further two journalists who were kidnapped from their homes are unknown, and threats by armed groups have driven dozens of other journalists into exile.

Journalists are one of the key groups targeted by fundamentalists, especially the most radical of them the GIA.

Its former leader Mourad Si Ahmad, vowed to make those who fight "with the pen" perish by the sword.

Meanwhile, security forces killed about 100 armed Islamic militants in a crackdown triggered by a bomb attack on a military vehicle near Algiers, another newspaper said Tuesday.

The attack last Wednesday on the vehicle at Larbaa, 30 kilometres from Algiers, left from soldiers dead, the daily Al Watan said.

With a spate of recent attacks, including a truck-bomb attack on a power station near Algiers Sunday which killed 11 people, observers say violence in Algeria is escalating.

After last Wednesday's bomb attack, the security forces unleashed a "vast dragnet," said Al Watan. Arrests they carried out allowed them to track down the hideout of a group of armed militants.

After a four-hour battle this group was reduced to nine men. According to Al Watan, their mission was to cover the flight of other groups and to slow down the advance of the security forces.

But after three days of further investigations, having received reinforcements and tightened their grip on the region, security forces discovered another hideout, which was attacked. About a hundred men died in this operation, the newspaper said.

The Larbaa region is part of what is known as the "Triangle of Death," where attacks by Islamic militants fighting the military-backed government are frequent.

According to the daily La Tribune, a rocket-launcher was probably used in an attack Sunday on a police vehicle at Kouba, on the outskirts of Algiers, which killed two and wounded about ten people — and not a grenade, as indicated in initial newspaper reports.

Kurds meet in Dublin to resolve bloody conflict

DUBAI (AFP) — Two rival Kurdish factions will meet in Dublin Wednesday for three days of talks aimed at ending their bloody conflict in northern Iraq, which risks shattering the coalition opposed to the government of President Saddam Hussein.

They are being mediated by the United States, with a Turkish observer in attendance, Kurdish officials said. The PUK and the KDP will try to reestablish the joint administration they formed in 1992 in Iraqi Kurdistan after seizing control of the area from Baghdad, with help from U.S., French and British military airpower.

"We have to resolve three issues: the reestablishment of political authority, the demilitarisation of Erbil (capital of Kurdistan) and the collection of revenue from border taxes," Fawzi Al Atrushi, the KDP's representative in London, told AFP by telephone.

He said demilitarising Erbil, controlled by the PUK since December, and the collection of taxes by the KDP along the border with Turkey and Iran, could only be settled after an agreement was reached on establishing a regional administration.

"The neutralisation of Erbil will allow the Kurdish government and parliament to function again," he said.

A PUK official in Ankara, Sazan Saeb, added: "It is necessary to reestablish the government so it can assume

COLUMN

Larry Hagman has operation on liver tumour

LOS ANGELES (R) — Larry Hagman, who became a TV legend as the villainous J.R. Ewing in the long-running Dallas series, had surgery on a liver tumour to buy more time while waiting for a donor organ, his doctor said. Dr. Leonard Makowka, a liver transplant surgeon at Cedars Sinai Medical Centre, said the operation took place Saturday morning to give Larry the extra insurance while he waits for a new liver. Dr. Makowka said the operation consisted of bombarding the tumour with chemotherapy to neutralise it. "We really blasted it," he said. The tumour was discovered last month and Hagman, 63, was immediately put on a national donor organ list. In addition to the tumour, he is suffering from cirrhosis of the liver, which was diagnosed three years ago. Dr. Makowka described the tumour as being between the size of a small rock and a golf ball and said Hagman had "absolutely no complications" from the surgery. He said Hagman was now on vacation with his wife and was wearing a beeper so he could be paged "in the event a suitable liver becomes available."

Princess Anne's son asked to leave bar

SYDNEY (R) — The teenage son of Britain's Princess Anne, Peter Phillips, was asked to leave the bar area of an Australian casino for being under-age, a casino spokeswoman said Tuesday. The spokeswoman for the Conrad Jupiters Casino on the Gold Coast in Queensland said Phillips, 17, was with a group of about 20 school friends Monday night in the bistro area of an English-themed pub in the casino called The Prince Albert. She said the bistro area became a bar after 10 p.m. and as the change-over time approached the group was asked to show identification as proof of age. "Peter was one of the boys who was under 18 and asked to leave," the spokeswoman told Reuters. "Others in the group were over 18 and they stayed on while the younger ones or ones without I.D. left. They were all very well behaved."

Clinton's friend goes to prison

CUMBERLAND, Maryland (AFP) — Webster Hubbell, a close friend of President Bill Clinton and a former high-ranking government official, checked into a minimum security prison Monday to begin his 21-month sentence for fraud. Mr. Hubbell, sentenced in June for bilking nearly \$500,000 from clients of Arkansas Rose Law Firm, whose partners included First Lady Hillary Clinton, had served as the third-ranking official at the U.S. Justice Department. With just six minutes to spare before a noon deadline, Mr. Hubbell checked into the Federal Correctional Institution in western Maryland. The prison camp is used mostly for non-violent, first-time offenders.

American stopped by police for refusing inflight meal

MANILA (AFP) — A Manila-based American businessman said Tuesday that he was stopped by Osaka airport police after the crew of his airline flight reported that he had refused his meal. Police told Ted Joffe that "the airline had reported that he neither ate nor drank during the flight which could indicate that he had swallowed drugs to smuggle into Japan," the American wrote to AFP. Mr. Joffe, general manager of American Minerals Inc., boarded the late afternoon flight of Thai Airways International herebound for Osaka Friday. During the three-and-a-half-hour flight he refused the dinner offered by the crew and ordered a soft drink as he had had a late lunch. Upon his arrival at Osaka's Kansai International Airport, Mr. Joffe said he was led by airport police to a separate room for a body search, but was later released without a search.

Aided promises elections in 1998

MOGADISHU (AFP) — Aided on Wednesday Farah Aidid's promises to hold national elections in 1998. The president of the United States said he was pleased to hear that Aidid was making no statement on the negotiations end.

Grateful Dead's Garcia dies

NOVATO, California — Jerry Garcia, the lead member and guitarist of rock group The Grateful Dead, has died, the Marin County sheriff's department said Wednesday. Garcia was found dead in the room at a treatment center for drug addicts, Dan J. Joffe said. He was found by a medical examiner. Garcia, 35, had been in the room for a few days. The Grateful Dead first came to fame in the music world in the 1960s.

Kurds in Ireland talks in secret

DUBLIN (R) — Rival Kurdish factions opened U.S.-sponsored talks in Dublin Wednesday to end a year of fighting that has killed about 3,000 people. Some of the talks said the U.S. State Department officials are making no statement on the negotiations end.

Iran offers

TEHRAN (AFP) — offered Wednesday Sudan as well as Rafsanjani, in a move Musoke, also urged Unity (OAU) to be concerned about notably that between according to a statement more active and was to resolve the pre-border area of Halaib deteriorated (following accusations that K him (see page 2) proposal to the OAU urging it to address against Bosnian M

Volume 19

Crown Prince pays tribute to King Hussein

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal Highness Prince Hassan on day sent a cable Majesty King Hussein congratulating him on the 50th anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad's birthday and 43rd anniversary King's accession throne. Prince Hassan tribute to the King and his development of the Arab and Islamic nations.

Bedouin demand return to Kuwait

BAGHDAD (R) — Thousands of stateless who were expelled during the 1990-91 crisis urged Iraq Wednesday to allow return home and Kuwaiti nationality who were expelled in right to return to Kuwait. Hussein Fahd Al Azmi, head of the Arab League of Kuwait, said thousands of Bedouins after a U.S.-led coalition liberated the emirate from Iraqi occupation in February 1991. Some had been expelled for collaborating with the coalition. They set up Al Shabab organisation here in Baghdad to press their case for a return to Kuwait. Thousands staged a demonstration in southern Iraq in October and November 1991 to demand their right to return. Mr. Azmi added that because they had no passports, the members association had a lot of trouble leaving Iraq throughout the war. "We're their fate," he said.

Grateful Dead's Garcia dies

NOVATO, California — Jerry Garcia, the lead member and guitarist of rock group The Grateful Dead, has died, the Marin County sheriff's department said Wednesday. Garcia was found dead in the room at a treatment center for drug addicts, Dan J. Joffe said. He was found by a medical examiner. Garcia, 35, had been in the room for a few days. The Grateful Dead first came to fame in the music world in the 1960s.

Kurds in Ireland talks in secret

DUBLIN (R) — Rival Kurdish factions opened U.S.-sponsored talks in Dublin Wednesday to end a year of fighting that has killed about 3,000 people. Some of the talks said the U.S. State Department officials are making no statement on the negotiations end.

Aided promises elections in 1998

MOGADISHU (AFP) — Aided on Wednesday Farah Aidid's promises to hold national elections in 1998. The president of the United States said he was pleased to hear that Aidid was making no statement on the negotiations end.

Iran offers

TEHRAN (AFP) — offered Wednesday Sudan as well as Rafsanjani, in a move Musoke, also urged Unity (OAU) to be concerned about notably that between according to a statement more active and was to resolve the pre-border area of Halaib deteriorated (following accusations that K him (see page 2) proposal to the OAU urging it to address against Bosnian M

Volume 19

Crown Prince pays tribute to King Hussein

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal Highness Prince Hassan on day sent a cable Majesty King Hussein congratulating him on the 50th anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad's birthday and 43rd anniversary King's accession throne. Prince Hassan tribute to the King and his development of the Arab and Islamic nations.

Bedouin demand return to Kuwait

BAGHDAD (R) — Thousands of stateless who were expelled during the 1990-91 crisis urged Iraq Wednesday to allow return home and Kuwaiti nationality who were expelled in right to return to Kuwait. Hussein Fahd Al Azmi, head of the Arab League of Kuwait, said thousands of Bedouins after a U.S.-led coalition liberated the emirate from Iraqi occupation in February 1991. Some had been expelled for collaborating with the coalition. They set up Al Shabab organisation here in Baghdad to press their case for a return to Kuwait. Thousands staged a demonstration in southern Iraq in October and November 1991 to demand their right to return. Mr. Azmi added that because they had no passports, the members association had a lot of trouble leaving Iraq throughout the war. "We're their fate," he said.

Grateful Dead's Garcia dies

NOVATO, California — Jerry Garcia, the lead member and guitarist of rock group The Grateful Dead, has died, the Marin County sheriff's department said Wednesday. Garcia was found dead in the room at a treatment center for drug addicts, Dan J. Joffe said. He was found by a medical examiner. Garcia, 35, had been in the room for a few days. The Grateful Dead first came to fame in the music world in the 1960s.

Kurds in Ireland talks in secret

DUBLIN (R) — Rival Kurdish factions opened U.S.-sponsored talks in Dublin Wednesday to end a year of fighting that has killed about 3,000 people. Some of the talks said the U.S. State Department officials are making no statement on the negotiations end.

Aided promises elections in 1998

MOGADISHU (AFP) — Aided on Wednesday Farah Aidid's promises to hold national elections in 1998. The president of the United States said he was pleased to hear that Aidid was making no statement on the negotiations end.

Iran offers

TEHRAN (AFP) — offered Wednesday Sudan as well as Rafsanjani, in a move Musoke, also urged Unity (OAU) to be concerned about notably that between according to a statement more active and was to resolve the pre-border area of Halaib deteriorated (following accusations that K him (see page 2) proposal to the OAU urging it to address against Bosnian M

Volume 19

Crown Prince pays tribute to King Hussein

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal Highness Prince Hassan on day sent a cable Majesty King Hussein congratulating him on the 50th anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad's birthday and 43rd anniversary King's accession throne. Prince Hassan tribute to the King and his development of the Arab and Islamic nations.

Bedouin demand return to Kuwait

BAGHDAD (R) — Thousands of stateless who were expelled during the 1990-91 crisis urged Iraq Wednesday to allow return home and Kuwaiti nationality who were expelled in right to return to Kuwait. Hussein Fahd Al Azmi, head of the Arab League of Kuwait, said thousands of Bedouins after a U.S.-led coalition liberated the emirate from Iraqi occupation in February 1991. Some had been expelled for collaborating with the coalition. They set up Al Shabab organisation here in Baghdad to press their case for a return to Kuwait. Thousands staged a demonstration in southern Iraq in October and November 1991 to demand their right to return. Mr. Azmi added that because they had no passports, the members association had a lot of trouble leaving Iraq throughout the war. "We're their fate," he said.

Grateful Dead's Garcia dies

NOVATO, California — Jerry Garcia, the lead member and guitarist of rock group The Grateful Dead, has died, the Marin County sheriff's department said Wednesday. Garcia was found dead in the room at a treatment center for drug addicts, Dan J. Joffe said. He was found by a medical examiner. Garcia, 35, had been in the room for a few days. The Grateful Dead first came to fame in the music world in the 1960s.

Kurds in Ireland talks in secret

DUBLIN (R) — Rival Kurdish factions opened U.S.-sponsored talks in Dublin Wednesday to end a year of fighting that has killed about 3,000 people. Some of the talks said the U.S. State Department officials are making no statement on the negotiations end.

Aided promises elections in 1998

MOGADISHU (AFP) — Aided on Wednesday Farah Aidid's promises to hold national elections in 1998. The president of the United States said he was pleased to hear that Aidid was making no statement on the negotiations end.

Iran offers

TEHRAN (AFP) — offered Wednesday Sudan as well as Rafsanjani, in a move Musoke, also urged Unity (OAU) to be concerned about notably that between according to a statement more active and was to resolve the pre-border area of Halaib deteriorated (following accusations that K him (see page 2) proposal to the OAU urging it to address against Bosnian M

Volume 19

Crown Prince pays tribute to King Hussein

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal Highness Prince Hassan on day sent a cable Majesty King Hussein congratulating him on the 50th anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad's birthday and 43rd anniversary King's accession throne. Prince Hassan tribute to the King and his development of the Arab and Islamic nations.

Bedouin demand return to Kuwait

BAGHDAD (R) — Thousands of stateless who were expelled during the 1990-91 crisis urged Iraq Wednesday to allow return home and Kuwaiti nationality who were expelled in right to return to Kuwait. Hussein Fahd Al Azmi, head of the Arab League of Kuwait, said thousands of Bedouins after a U.S.-led coalition liberated the emirate from Iraqi occupation in February 1991. Some had been expelled for collaborating with the coalition. They set up Al Shabab organisation here in Baghdad to press their case for a return to Kuwait. Thousands staged a demonstration in southern Iraq in October and November 1991 to demand their right to return. Mr. Azmi added that because they had no passports, the members association had a lot of trouble leaving Iraq throughout the war. "We're their fate," he said.

Grateful Dead's Garcia dies

NOVATO, California — Jerry Garcia, the lead member and guitarist of rock group The Grateful Dead, has died, the Marin County sheriff's department said Wednesday. Garcia was found dead in the room at a treatment center for drug addicts, Dan J. Joffe said. He was found by a medical examiner. Garcia, 35, had been in the room for a few days. The Grateful Dead first came to fame in the music world in the 1960s.

Kurds in Ireland talks in secret

DUBLIN (R) — Rival Kurdish factions opened U.S.-sponsored talks in Dublin Wednesday to end a year of fighting that has killed about 3,000 people. Some of the talks said the U.S. State Department officials are making no statement on the negotiations end.

Aided promises elections in 1998

MOGADISHU (AFP) — Aided on Wednesday Farah Aidid's promises to hold national elections in 1998. The president of the United States said he was pleased to hear that Aidid was making no statement on the negotiations end.

Iran offers

TEHRAN (AFP) — offered Wednesday Sudan as well as Rafsanjani, in a move Musoke, also urged Unity (OAU) to be concerned about notably that between according to a statement more active and was to resolve the pre-border area of Halaib deteriorated (following accusations that K him (see page 2) proposal to the OAU urging it to address against Bosnian M

Volume 19

Crown Prince pays tribute to King Hussein

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal Highness Prince Hassan on day sent a cable Majesty King Hussein congratulating him on the 50th anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad's birthday and 43rd anniversary King's accession throne. Prince Hassan tribute to the King and his development of the Arab and Islamic nations.

Bedouin demand return to Kuwait